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RELOCATION INFORMATION FOR
Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base
Germany

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Installation

Installation Overview

Guten Tag and Welcome to Geilenkirchen, Germany! Geilenkirchen is the home of the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) Airborne Early Warning Force Command's E-3A Component. NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen is located in Teveren which is four kilometers west of Geilenkirchen, adjacent to The Netherlands border. Geilenkirchen is 283 miles from Paris, France, 50 miles from Cologne (Köln), Germany and 142 miles from Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

NATO AB Geilenkirchen is located 104 miles from Brussels Airport in Brussels, Belgium. (See specific directions on how to get to the base from the airport under Installation.)

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT A USAF INSTALLATION. THIS IS A NATO BASE.

The Component's mission is to provide aircraft and trained aircrews to deliver a surveillance and/or control platform wherever and whenever directed by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Airborne Early Warning Force Commander on behalf of the three major North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Commanders: the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR), Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic (SACLANT) and Commander-in-Chief, Channel (CINCHAN).

When calling commercially from the States to Geilenkirchen, dial 011-49-2451-63-XXXX. When calling from within Germany, dial 02451-63-XXXX. When calling from the States to the Netherlands, dial 011-31 and your number (be sure to drop the zero in the front if there is one). There are very limited DSN capabilities to Geilenkirchen. You can however contact Geilenkirchen by dialing DSN 452-2715. After hearing the dial tone, enter your extension. Listed below are the extensions that can be reached by DSN. Another way to call is to call Spangdahlem at DSN 452-1110 and ask for a line to Geilenkirchen.

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The NATO Airborne Early Warning Force (NAEWF) was created in January 1980. The command was granted full status as a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Headquarters by North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Defense Planning Committee on 17 October 1980. It is co-located with the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), Belgium. Executive agent for the program is the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), also one of the Command's primary "customers". The remaining two are the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic (SACLANT) and the Allied Commander-in-Chief Channel (CINCHAN).

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization E-3A aircraft are flown by integrated multinational crews from 12 nations - Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and the United States. Geilenkirchen is the E-3A Component's main operating base in addition to being NATO's only multinational operational flying unit.

Surrounded by farmland and a natural woodland preserve, the base was originally built by the British Royal Air Force after World War II. Known as RAF Geilenkirchen (or Fluctuate Teveren by the local population), the British used the facilities as a fighter installation for various RAF fighter squadrons from May 1953 until January 1968.

Must Know Items

Brussels, Belgium is the official port of entry for all incoming personnel. Incoming personnel should make arrangements to be picked up by their sponsor. With appropriate notification, your sponsor can also schedule the contracted van to pick you up if you have a large family or pets, etc. Your Sponsor will

need a copy of your orders to schedule contracted van.

However, if you wish to drive from the Brussels Airport use the following directions: Stay in right lane leaving airport and go 12 kilometers toward the Brussel's ring. Turn on A3 or E40 (same autobahn). Stay on A3 (E40) and follow signs to Luik (Leige) then follow signs to Aachen, Germany (E314). Follow signs toward Monchengladbach (A44). Exit on B56 (Aldenhoven) and follow signs to Geilenkirchen. Once in Geilenkirchen follow the signs for the NATO Airbase. In case of an emergency, please contact your sponsor or your new unit. Be sure to have phone numbers available for at least two POC's including your sponsor and someone in your new unit.

All incoming personnel (officer/enlisted) will report to customer service in building 88 for inprocessing. Your sponsor will arrange an inprocessing appointment once he/she has been notified of your arrival date. Incoming personnel will need to bring with them the "sealed envelope" received from your losing base. It contains all the documents necessary for inprocessing. A checklist will be provided during your inprocessing appointment. **YOU MUST REPORT IN DUTY UNIFORM. THERE IS NO 24 HOUR ARRIVAL CHECKPOINT AT GEILENKIRCHEN. YOU MUST KEEP YOUR SPONSOR INFORMED OF YOUR ARRIVAL DATE AND TIME, AND BE ABLE TO CONTACT HIM/HER SHOULD THERE BE CHANGES IN ROUTE.**

Ensure that you talk with your sponsor about temporary living quarters. Most people stay in hotels or guesthouses. Guesthouses are priced the same and are as comfortable as hotels. Guesthouses are usually fully furnished apartments or houses. Room rates range from 50-125 euro (exchange rate changes daily, check today's rate) per day. Single military E4 and below may be required to reside in billeting on base during summer PCS season due to lack of hotel and guest room space. Talk with your sponsor about making arrangements for the guesthouses or billeting well in advance of your arrival.

Prior to entry through Belgium, non-US citizens should determine whether a visa is required. **VISAS SHOULD BE OBTAINED BEFORE PROCEEDING ABROAD.** Allow sufficient time for processing your visa application, especially if you are applying by mail. A traveler may be required to obtain visas from the consular office in the area of his/her residence. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRAVELER TO OBTAIN VISAS, WHEN**

REQUIRED, FROM THE APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OR NEAREST CONSULATE. The Belgian points of contact in the US are the Embassy of Belgium, 3330 Garfield St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008 (202/333-6900) or the nearest Consulate General: Los Angeles (213/857-1244), Atlanta (404/659-2150), Chicago (312/263-6624) or New York (212/586-5110).

Child care is very limited at Geilenkirchen. There are limited spaces available at the Child Development Center on base. Off base child care is not readily available. The Geilenkirchen Child Development Center accepts children from 12 months to 12 years old. You may also use the AFNORTH Child Development Center located in Brunssum, The Netherlands. AFNORTH accepts children from six weeks to five years old. It is located approximately 15 kilometers from NATO AB Geilenkirchen. Both the International Youth Activities (IYA) and the Child Development Center on NATO AB Geilenkirchen offers a before and after school program for school aged children. (See Child and Teen Services) There is NO Family Home Day Care as there is no base housing.

Spouses are welcomed and encouraged at newcomers briefing and other cultural adaptation programs. Refer to the Family Support Center Section for information.

There is no quarantine for pets. Pets are not allowed in all guesthouses or hotels. Please inform your sponsor if you will be bringing pets. Pets must have rabies shot and certificate of health 30 days prior to but not more than one year prior to issuance of the health certificate. Importation of certain dogs are strictly prohibited. For more information on pets, see Relocation Services.

Based on recent negotiations with the host nation, HQ USAREUR has directed that US citizens will "no longer" be allowed to ship, transport, or hand-carry privately-owned firearms to Germany. This is necessary to avoid the possibility of German criminal prosecution for unauthorized possession of weapons or the possibility of punishment under the UCMJ.

Important Documents to Hand Carry - Birth certificates for your children in order to register for child care and/or school, passports, ID cards, family immunization records, school records for children, medical and dental records, military personnel records, Standard Installation Topic Exchange Services (SITES) booklet, and if seeking employment bring school transcripts, DD214, updated resumes,

SF 171 (if you have one, and Personnel Qualifications Statements. Hand carry the "Blue Book" from the blue binder in the base welcome package sent to you by the FSC. The Blue Book provides phone numbers for all the services spread out between Geilenkirchen, AFNORTH and Schinnen that you will need upon arrival.

Government quarters ARE NOT available at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany. Locating a house is generally not difficult with current average of 43 days from arrival to moving into a house. All incoming personnel will report to the Housing referral Office in Building 87. A housing briefing is held every Thursday at 0800.

For initial set up of housing, expect to need approximately \$2,000-\$2,500. German houses are not equipped with closets and light fixtures. Sometimes kitchen cabinets have to be purchased. A Moving in Housing Allowance (MIHA) is available as a one time deal to military members. This can be used to purchase such items as paint, light fixtures, etc. Major appliances and some fixtures are available for the duration of your tour from Housing Supply. As stated earlier, there is NO ON BASE HOUSING.

Before moving to the Geilenkirchen area, it is a good idea to automate your personal finances as much as possible. Setting up automatic payments for credit cards and insurance before you arrive at GK will prevent late payments due to possible mail delays, as well as, provide convenience when you are TDY. Instead of mailing a check, authorize the biller to collect the amount due from your checking account as an Automated Clearing House (ACH) payment. It is the most convenient and efficient way to pay bills. It saves you time and money. No writing checks, no postage, and no late payments. Automatic Bill Payments help build and maintain good credit because bills are always paid on time.

Also, before moving see if your financial institution offers online banking so that you can access account information and transfer funds. European ATM machines often do not dispense a receipt. Online banking is a convenient way to find the US dollar equivalent of your foreign currency withdrawal. Online bill payment services let you take care of all your monthly bills for a nominal monthly fee. Not all online banking is conducted through the Internet, some use financial software such as Quicken or Managing Your Money with dial-in capabilities. If this is the case, ask if your financial institution provides a customer service number or modem phone

number for online banking that can be dialed from Germany or The Netherlands toll free.

You will have easy access to foreign currency in the Geilenkirchen area by using an ATM card. Work with your financial institution on how many ATM transactions you are allowed before they impose a fee. Be sure you know your personal identification number (PIN) number before leaving the states. Active duty personnel and family members assigned to Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base may cash checks totaling \$1,500 a week for US Dollars or euro at the finance office. The weekly limit is the same for AFNORTH personnel at their finance office where they have US Dollars and euro.

The standing order is used in Germany to pay regularly recurring payments of a set sum, such as rent and insurance premiums. The direct debit is the method of payment for recurring sums that vary in size, such as the telephone, gas and electric bills. These services are easily obtained if you set up an account, such as such as Dresdner Bank on GK.

Community Bank on the 254th BSB Army Post at Schinnen, The Netherlands, is an American bank contracted by the Department of Defense to provide banking services to military members stationed in Europe. The account is maintained in US dollars, but they provide both standing order and direct debit services in euro. Community Bank provides only the standing order service for euro amounts. The sum deducted from your account is calculated based on the exchange rate for the date of the transfer. Community Bank has ATM machines with US Dollars and euro. If you open an account at Community Bank, it must be closed when you PCS away from the area.

Andrews Federal Credit Union (AFCU), also at Schinnen, currently provides the standing order service only in Germany. If you opt for the German bank connection, AFCU is a convenient way to electronically transfer US Dollars from your account to deposit euro in your German account. The AFCU ATM machine contains US Dollars and euro. Andrews is a credit union so, once a member always a member, the account does not have to be closed when you PCS.

Consult the Personal Financial Management Program (PFMP) located in the Geilenkirchen Family Support Center for any of your money questions.

An international Driver's License (obtainable from AAA in the US-valid for one year) is recommended

when traveling outside Germany. An International Driver's License can be obtained in Europe and is valid in any country except the country where purchased. Cost here in Germany is about 15 euro and valid for three years. You will need to take 2 passport sized photos when you go to get the license.

Geilenkirchen is not a high terrorist threat area. However, simple personal security measures should be practiced at all times. Keep your doors and windows locked when not at home and when leaving your car. You are required to receive Antiterrorism Level I training prior to departing from a CONUS assignment.

NATO AB Geilenkirchen is part of the Tri-border Community. This community consists of Schinnen, The Netherlands; AFNORTH, The Netherlands and SHAPE, Belgium. Each base is very small and some of the services offered on one base are not offered on all bases therefore, we normally share services and agencies.

Emergency Numbers: Germany: 110
Netherlands: 112

Must Know Items

--Installation--	
Site Name	Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base
Last Updated	January 16, 2003
Country	Germany
County	
ZIP Code	09104
Service	USAF
Host Command	
Physical Size	0
--Phones--	
DSN Country Code	314
DSN Number	452-2715 X243/244
Commercial Country Code	49-
Commercial Area Code	2451-63-
Commercial Number	3791/92/93
FAX DSN Country Code	
FAX DSN Number	None
FAX Commercial Country Code	49-
FAX Commercial Area Code	2451-
FAX Commercial Number	65819
--Official Mailing Address--	
Street Line 1	470 ABS/DPF
Street Line 2	NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, GE
City	
Overseas P.O.	APO AE
ZIP Code	09104
--Deliverable Address--	
Street Line 1	
Street Line 2	
City	
State/Territory	
ZIP Code	
E-Mail	470ABS.DPF@GEILENKIRCHEN.AF.MIL

Geographically Separated or Satellite Locations

NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen has two geographically separated units (GSU) which are Brunssum and Maastricht (AFNORTH), The Netherlands. Initially, it could be a little confusing when you first receive your assignment to Geilenkirchen or one of these other sites. Your RIP will indicate the servicing Military Personnel Flight (MPF) will be Spangdahlem AB Germany.

However, your actual physical location at one of these cities will be printed in clear text on the RIP.

Personnel assigned to AFNORTH will receive a Welcome package from Geilenkirchen and a Sponsor package from AFNORTH. The Welcome package will provide you detailed information concerning Geilenkirchen. The AFNORTH Sponsor package will provide you with pertinent information that is applicable to your AFNORTH assignment. For more information view the SITES information for AFNORTH--Brunssum.

Geographically Separated or Satellite Locations

<i>Satellite</i>	<i>Command</i>	<i>Distance</i>	<i>Associated Site Name</i>
AFNORTH - Brunssum	NATO	9 miles	Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base
Maastricht, NL	NATO	25 miles	Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base

Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)

The 254th Base Support Battalion (BSB) is located in Schinnen, NL, in the Province of Limburg, between Germany and Belgium. Geilenkirchen is

approximately thirty minutes from Schinnen. Basic community support for the region is provided by the 254th BSB.

This is where the military shopping community is located i.e., commissary, PX, Sight & Sound.

Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)

<i>State/Country</i>	<i>Site Name</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Distance</i>
Netherlands	AFNORTH -- Brunssum, NL	USAF	less than 5 miles
Netherlands	Schinnen	USA	30 kms

Regulations

For more information on this subject:
USAREUR Pamphlet (Driver's Handbook)
<http://rmv.hqusareur.army.mil/newregs.htm>

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY Based on recent negotiations with the host nation, HQ USAREUR has directed that US citizens will no longer be allowed to ship, transport, or hand-carry privately-owned firearms to Germany. This is necessary to avoid the possibility of German criminal prosecution for unauthorized possession of weapons or the possibility of punishment under the UCMJ.

MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO VIOLATE THIS ORDER ARE SUBJECT TO PUNISHMENT UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE AND PROSECUTION OR FINES UNDER GERMAN LAW.

SEATBELTS

German laws apply at all times. Seatbelts are mandatory. The Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) that went into effect in 1993, requires all U.S. personnel assigned to Germany and The Netherlands to have in their POSSESSION A VALID STATESIDE LICENSE in order to be eligible for licensing and to OPERATE POV'S.

The use of child safety restraint systems is mandatory while operating a POV. Germany has authorized the use of DOT approved child restraint systems. The requirement extends from birth through twelve years of age, and is subject to a 50 pound limitation. The Family Support Center has some car seats for loan.

MINIMUM AGE for Drivers

The minimum age for operation of a POV is 17, in Germany and in The Netherlands.

Vehicle Checks

NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen maintains a 100% ID CHECK AT ALL TIMES. Vehicles are subject to safety inspections at all times. It is the responsibility of the owner/operator to ensure safe mechanical condition of the vehicle.

Traffic

Making your way around Europe is distinctly different than driving around in the U.S., even if you're just driving to work or making a quick dash to Schinnen. The traffic density on many German autobahns and in many European cities requires the operator to be aware of different regulations, rights of ways and bicycles. All new personnel attend a 2-hour driver's orientation prior to being licensed in Germany. This orientation is designed to familiarize you with the many European rules and road signs. Before driving see licensing below.

Legal Obligations

If you have any questions or are involved in an accident contact the nearest military police near your location or the base legal office. The JAG office on base is not able to legally represent you in German court cases. It is recommended to obtain German liability family insurance, also to include your animals.

Auto Insurance

Your auto insurance in Germany will generally cost more than equivalent insurance in the US. There are several reasons for this. The most obvious are high medical and disability pension costs, and high minimum liability required by German law. All insurance premiums, including those from US companies such as USAA, are set in euro, not dollars. Many insurance companies dealing with Americans in Germany will fix the euro to Dollar exchange rate at the time of purchase. If you have a safe driving record it is advisable you get certification from your insurance company.

Licensing

You cannot legally operate any USAREUR (US Army Europe) registered vehicle without having a USAREUR Driver's License. Before you can obtain a USAREUR license, you must attend an orientation

class and pass a two part written exam. Testing is conducted Tuesday and Thursday from 0830-1200. You can obtain a USAREUR Pamphlet (Driver's Handbook) from the POV office upon arrival or point your web browser to the web page located in the overview web address for an electronic version. It is very important you study prior to your arrival. The military member is not authorized to drive any vehicle prior to receiving the USAREUR Driver's License. If you have no internet access, we recommend you check your local base library or Family Support Center to see if they have a copy of the handbook. There are more rules and signs to learn than in the US. Driver's license cost is \$10 and payable in CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY.

All vehicles must be registered through the USAREUR system. Cost for a registration is \$15 per vehicle for the old USAREUR style plates and \$20 for the new USAREUR style plates. This is an annual registration process. The following documents are needed for first time registering your vehicle: car title and double white insurance cards from a German insurance company or USAA and vehicle inspection form, which is obtained locally (See Record Listing). Vehicles must be double plated (front and back plates are required) and have to be mounted to the vehicle(not in the window).

Security Clearance Requirements

For military personnel being assigned to NATO positions, security clearances cause the most problems for assignment here. Your security clearance and the issue of your NATO ID are directly related. NATO requires you have at least a SECRET security clearance, with an investigation date not exceeding four years from the date of your arrival at Geilenkirchen. If your clearance is currently older than four years, or is not at the level needed, then an investigation must be completed and a final clearance granted before you depart from your current assignment. You should not be allowed to proceed to Geilenkirchen if this is not accomplished, as your access to the base and certain facilities will be limited, if not refused. Interim Clearances can be granted on a case by case basis, to expedite your arrival to Geilenkirchen. If your clearance is outdated you must have your security manager forward copies of the following documents to the 470 ABS/SF: the entire SF 86 package and a copy of the receipt printout from the DSS EPSQ receipt system web site located below. These can be faxed or sent to the below number or address. A determination will then be made if an interim clearance can be granted, then you would be allowed to proceed. Your

assignment to Geilenkirchen should be coded in the Security Requirements portion of your assignment notification (PPC 9NA, 9NB, or both). If not, contact your outbound assignment section and have them contact our personnel section here at Geilenkirchen to have this added or explained. If your Personnel or Security Forces office question your need for a security clearance, have them contact the 470 ABS/SF at the numbers below.

Name: 470 ABS/SF
Address: Unit 3485
City: APO AE 09104
Phone: 02451-63-2228 (01149-2451-632228 outside the US)
FAX: 02451-68242 (01149-2451-68242 outside the US)
Comments: The Security Forces office is your point of contact for all security clearance and POV questions. When contacting the POV office change the 2228 extension (above) with 4924.

Name: DSS EPSQ receipt system
WWW Link: https://sclient.dss.mil/cgi-bin/epsq/receipts/receipts.pl

Name: Driver's Handbook
Address: USAREUR Pamphlet
WWW Link: http://rmv.hqusareur.army.mil/drivman/190-34.htm
Comments: Study this pamphlet prior to coming here. You can not legally operate any USAREUR (US Army Europe) registered vehicle without a USAREUR Driver's License.

Name: Weapons Importation
Address: HQ USAREUR
WWW Link: http://www.hqusareur.army.mil/

Commonly Referenced Numbers

(See Record Listing)

Commonly Referenced Numbers

<i>Name</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>DSN</i>
Andrews Federal Credit Union	(31) 46-443-7507/8	
Barber and Beauty Shop	02451-63-4087	
Chaplain	02451-63-2229	452-3715 ext 239
Clubs - Frisbee NCO	02451-63-4992/94	
Clubs - Officers Club	02451-63-4990	
Command Post	02451-63-4433 through 4436	
Commissary (Schinnen)	(31) 46-443-7441, 7443	
Community Bank	(31) 46-443-7412	-
Dresdner Bank	02451-68085	
Education Office	02451-63-2244	452-3715 ext 235
Family Advocacy	0031-45-563-6100	
Family Support Center	02451-63-3791/2/3/4	452-3715 ext 243,244
Housing Office	02451-63-2224	452-3715 ext 211
Legal Office	02451-63-2235	DSN 452-2715 Ext. 215, 260 & 366
Morale, Welfare Activities	02451-63-4940	
NATEX Shopping Facilities	02451-62070	
NATO Billeting	02451-63-4962	
Quarters - VOQ and VAQ	02451-63-4962	
Red Cross (Geilenkirchen)	02451-63-2211	
SATO Office Travel	02451-3414	
Security (MP)	02451-63-2228	
Spangdahlem Red Cross	06565-61-6330	
Transportation Management Office	02451-63-2227	452-3715 ext 212
Travel Agency (DER Travel Agency)	02451-1256	
U.S. Financial Services Office	02451-632218 Fax: 02451-65465	452-3715 ext. 226
US Clinic - Appointments	02451-99-3200	452-3715 ext 251

Major Unit Listing

Geilenkirchen is a NATO Base. Some of the routine military phrasing and ways in which we communicate are different. Therefore, it does not operate like your typical Air Force Base. GK is staffed by military and civilian personnel from other countries. A list of the major units would not be

advantageous. All units are not manned by Americans. As you call these numbers it is a strong likelihood that you will not get an American. Any questions you have regarding sponsorship should be directed to the 470 ABS (U.S. National Support Unit) which performs the functions of an MSS. Also, you may contact the Geilenkirchen Family Support Center for more information.

Major Unit Listing

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Command</i>	<i>Point of Contact</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>DSN</i>	<i>Fax</i>
470 ABS/Inprocessing	USAFE		0049-2451-63-2204	452-3715 ext 255	
Family Support Center	USAFE		0049-2451-63-3791	452-3715 ext 243 or 244	from the US 011-49-2451-65819

Transportation

Getting around Europe has been developed to a fine art. The train and bus systems are extremely elaborate and can usually transport you to any place you are interested in visiting. There are numerous large international airports for your personal travel, i.e., Brussels, Amsterdam, Dusseldorf, and Frankfurt. This is nice when you have personal travel or family visiting, these options will allow you to seek the most competitive prices.

Name: Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agency
City: Schinnen 09703
Phone: (31) 46-443-7385
Comments: Hours: Mon - Fri 0800 - 1700, Thurs 1000 - 2000 and Sat 1000 - 1400 Travel service similar to SATO travel. Bookings can be made for flights, trains and tours.

Name: DER Travel Agency
Address: Bldg 81
City: Geilenkirchen 09104
Phone: 02451-63-1256
Comments: This German Travel agency offers a wide variety of travel services and information for all Component members. Tours, reservations, pamphlets etc. are available. You can also buy German train tickets here, rather than wait to buy them at the train station. Hours: Mon-Fri 0800 - 1700, Thurs 1000 - 2000 and Sat 1000 - 1400

Name: Geilenkirchen Train Station
Address: Downtown Geilenkirchen
City: Geilenkirchen 09104
Phone: 02451-2413
WWW Link: http://bahn.hafas.de/bin/query.exe/en
Comments: One good way to move about Germany is by train. There are all kinds of trains, from village to village and town to town. Schedules, costs and reservations can be obtained either at a train station (Bahnhof) or at a travel agency that sells train tickets. Hours: 0600 - 2200 Mon - Sat (Window to purchase tickets) Tickets may also be purchased in machines located just outside the bus station.

Name: Schinnen Transportation
Address: Bldg 6
City: Schinnen 09703
Phone: (31) 46-443-2851
DSN Phone: 360-7413
Comments: This is the Vehicle Processing Center (VPC) for POV transportation and related services.

Commissary and Exchange Operations

These entries discuss commissary and exchange facilities at Geilenkirchen NATO AB. NATO EXCHANGE (NATEX) is Canadian Forces operated. NATEX welcomes all NATO ID card holders supported by a ration card. They accept the following types of payments: US \$, Canadian \$, or Euros. Credit cards accepted are AMEX, VISA, MC.

The Schinnen exchange is divided into three stores. The main store stocks brand name clothing and shoes, cosmetics, stereo and computer equipment. Customer Service and the main cashiers are located on the second floor. Adjacent to the main store is the shoppette, which sells a small line of food, sodas, greeting cards, party supplies, alcoholic beverages and video rental. Located behind the commissary is the PXtra which carries a few auto supplies, toys,

small appliances, furniture, baby supplies and lawn and garden materials.

The AAFES Car Care Center is located next to the commissary and carries a limited supply of auto parts, tires and other car care items. Gas can be purchased or bought on the economy by using gas coupons purchased at the AAFES Exchange.

Concessions within the Exchange: Baskin Robbins Ice Cream, Frank's Hotdog Stand.

Adjacent to the washateria are Burger King and Anthony's Pizza.

Name: AAFES Car Care Center
City: Schinnen
Phone: 0031-46-443-7383
Comments: Limited services are available.

Name: AAFES Cleaner
City: Schinnen
Phone: (31) 46-443-7258
Comments: Hours: Sun and Mon - Closed Tues - Wed 1000 - 1800 Thurs 1000 - 2000 Fri 1000 - 1800 Sat 1000 - 1800

Name: AAFES Main Exchange
Address: Emma Mine Complex
City: Schinnen 09703
Phone: (31) 46-443-7587
Comments: Hours: Mon - Closed Tues, Wed and Fri 1100 - 1900 Thurs 1100 - 2000 Sat 1000 - 1800 Sun 1100 - 1700

Name: AAFES New Car Sales
City: Schinnen
Phone: 0031-46-443-3937
Comments: Mon by appointment Tues-Sat 1000-1800 Sun by appointment

Name: Dry Cleaner
Address: NATO Air Base
City: Geilenkirchen 09104
Phone: 02451-66365
Comments: Shoe repair service located within the Dry Cleaners.

Name: NATEX Astra Cinema
Address: NATO Air Base, Bldg 2
City: Geilenkirchen
Phone: 0049(0) 2451-65127 Movie Line
Comments: North American Box Office Features played on a new projector with Dolby surround sound and enhanced picture quality. Accepts euro only. Hours: Thursday / Friday / Saturday: Doors open 1900 and movie plays 1930 Sunday / Holidays: As advertised.

Name: NATEX Bicycle Shop
Address: NATO Air Base, Bldg 65S
City: Geilenkirchen
Phone: 02451-620741 or 620740
Comments: Carries a wide variety of car accessories and car parts. Provides basic automobile repairs. Also carries gas coupons for ESSO, SHELL, and FINA for use in Germany. A well-equipped bicycle shop which also offers a wide variety of fitness and sports nutrition. NATEX Car Rental offers a wide variety of cars, wagons, and passenger vans. Bicycle Shop/Car Parts/Car Rental: Mon - Fri 0800 - 1800 Sat 1000 - 1800 Sun 1100 - 1700 Holidays as advertised Car Inspections: Monday, Wednesday & Fri 0800 - 1200 Garage: Mon - Fri 0800 - 1700

Name: NATEX Casual Mode
Address: NATO Air Base, Bldg 71
City: Geilenkirchen
Phone: 0049(0) 2451-620730
Comments: A great selection of Brand Name casual clothing and shoes. Plus a wide variety of complimenting accessories including scarves, belts, bags, watches and fragrances. Hours: Monday - Saturday 1000-1800 Sunday 1100-1700 Holidays as advertised

Name: NATEX Gas Pumps
Address: NATO Air Base, Bldg 65S
City: Geilenkirchen 09104
Phone: 0049(0) 2451-620745
Comments: Offers lead-free and diesel fuel for sale. Hours: Monday - Friday 0730-1800 Saturday 1000-1800 Sunday 1100-1700 Holidays as advertised

Name: NATEX Getranke Market
Address: NATO Air Base, Bldg 149
City: Geilenkirchen
Phone: 0049 (0) 2451 620725
Comments: A great place to stock up on assorted beverages such as soft drinks, mineral water, sekt and a wide variety of beers. Hours: Monday - Saturday 1000-1800 Sunday 1100-1700 Holidays as advertised

Name: NATEX Grocery Store
Address: NATO Air Base, Bldg 70
City: Geilenkirchen 09104
Phone: 0049 (0) 2451 620710
Comments: Discover our up-to-date spacious shopping facility that includes a duty free shop within shop with all your tobacco and spirit needs. A large wine boutique, complete with Old and New World varieties, fresh produce, cheese and meat departments. Also includes a wide variety of multinational grocery products. Hours: Monday - Friday 0900-1800 Saturday 1000-1800 Sunday 1100-1700

Name: NATEX Retail Store
Address: NATO Air Base, Bldg 74
City: Geilenkirchen 09104
Phone: 0049 (0) 2451 911636
Comments: In this fun to explore store you will find brand names on china, giftware, fine jewelry and electronics. Plus the best selling fragrances, cosmetics, luggage and toys. Hours: Monday - Saturday 1000-1800 Sunday 1100-1700 Holidays as advertised

Name: NATEX Video Store
Address: NATO Air Base, Bldg 72
Phone: 0049 (0) 2451 620743
Comments: Large selection of English Comedy, Drama, Action, Classic, and Children's movies (NTSC format). Selection of VHS and DVD movies (including restricted adult movies and Nintendo Games). Accepts euro only. Hours: Monday - Friday 1100-1900 Saturday and Sunday 1100-1800 Holidays as advertised

Name: Schinnen Commissary
Address: Emma Mine Kaserne
City: Schinnen 09703
Phone: (31) 46-443-7441/7443/7513
Comments: Hours: Mon - Closed Tues, Wed and Fri 1200 - 1900 Thurs 1000 - 2000 Sat 1000 - 1800 Sun 1100 - 1700

Local Community

Local Community Overview

NATO AB Geilenkirchen is located in Teveren, Germany approximately four kilometers west of the town of Geilenkirchen. It is located in the Benelux

region of Europe. It's surrounded by Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg. The land around Geilenkirchen is gently rolling hills with woods and is very green. Winters tend to be long, rainy and gray. Spring produces lush vegetation and summers can range from mild to hot.

Geilenkirchen is a small town with a population of about 26,000 people. A moated castle stands in the village. The center of town offers a variety of shopping stores. Depending on the exchange rates, shopping in the centrum can be expensive but there is a good range of stores. Twice a week there is an outdoor market in the centrum that sells food and flowers.

Time Zone Chart

Geilenkirchen is located in the Central European Time Zone.

Time Zone Chart

<i>Location</i>	<i>Adjustment for GMT</i>
Pacific	-8
Mountain	-7
Central	-6
Eastern	-5
Greenwich (United Kingdom)	0
Central European (Germany)	1
East Asia (Japan)	9

Climate

Geilenkirchen has a cool maritime climate. The humidity varies from 80-90% in the mornings to 40-50% in the afternoons. The climate is influenced by moisture-laden winds from the Atlantic Ocean, sweeping across the lowlands of the Netherlands.

Average temperature is 30 degrees in winter and 68 degrees in summer.

Annual Precipitation is 30.3 inches.

Partly cloudy to cloudy skies are the rule, with most cloudiness occurring between October and March. Most thunderstorms occur during the summer on an average of five to seven days per month. Considering its location at such a northerly latitude, Geilenkirchen has a relatively mild climate.

The entries in the following table are in inches and degrees Fahrenheit.

Climate

<i>Month</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Humidity</i>	<i>Precipitation</i>
January	39	32		57 liters
February	41	31		42.5 liters
March	49	36		52.8 liters
April	56	40		50 liters
May	63	46		61 liters
June	69	52		85 liters
July	71	56		61 liters
August	71	55		55 liters
September	66	52		65 liters
October	58	45		52.5 liters
November	47	39		62.5 liters
December	42	36		65 liters

Events Calendar

Events listed are for singles and families. (See Record Listing)

Each season brings its own special events and festivals. There are a large range of markets, music festivals and tours organized throughout the year by the local and surrounding communities.

Name: American Day
Address: Geilenkirchen Sports Field
City: NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen
Phone: 02451-63-4952 or 4940
Proximity to site: On base
Comments: Activities for the entire family: games, rides and food tents.

Name: Fall Festival and Haunted House
Address: Geilenkirchen American School
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2296
Proximity to site: On base.
Comments: The fall festival is sponsored by the PTSA of Geilenkirchen and is a treat for all. Children have an opportunity to play trick or treat, other games and sample a variety of foods.

Name: Foggy Fields/Spring Breezes Craft Bazaars
Address: Geilenkirchen American School
City: NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen
Phone: 02451-63-2296
Proximity to site: On base
Comments: Two Craft Fairs are sponsored each year by the American Women of Geilenkirchen for crafters to sell and display their crafts.

Name: Freedom Fest
Address: AFNORTH Sports Field
City: Brunssum
Phone: (31) 46-443-7335
Proximity to site: 10 kms
Comments: Very similar to a 4th of July Celebration in the States. Offered within the International environment at AFNORTH, The Netherlands, located 15 minutes from GK. Carnival style rides, live entertainment, beer/feast tent, chili cook off, skill competitions and two nights of firework displays.

Name: International Cultural Festival
Address: In the Hangar
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-3791
Proximity to site: On base
Comments: The aim of the festival is to demonstrate the multinational and multi-cultural aspects of the community. There will be a selection of crafts, cultural exhibits, live entertainment, various foods and drinks and rides, face painting, animal balloons and games for the kids.

Name: North Sea Jazz Festival
Address: Congress Center
City: Den Hague
Phone: 070-3502034
Proximity to site: 240 kms
Comments: The festival offers three days of music and fun with world famous musicians.

Cultural Attractions

Please stay in touch with the Family Support Center for local culture/information programs.

Cultural events are popular in the Geilenkirchen area. A major event in the village is Karneval (similar to Mardi Gras in New Orleans). This event kicks off at eleven minutes past 1100 on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year and builds up on the days immediately preceding Ash Wednesday and Lent. The event is characterized with fancy costumes, large parades and parties and lots of drinking and singing. The area hosts many festivals, flea markets, and music events.

It is against the law in Germany to show evidence of work on Sundays and holidays including hanging wash, washing or repairing cars, and mowing the lawn. Privacy is very important. When moving into a new community, it is not customary for the old neighbors to welcome the new neighbor. You may have to take the initiative in meeting the neighbors.

It is against the law to change the oil or wash the car in the driveway. This should be done in designated places.

The immediate and regional areas around the base - in Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium - offer a large variety of entertainment opportunities and tourist attractions. There are also constant events in several city theatres, including world-famous ballet, opera, and symphonies. Additional information about off-duty events and activities, including organized tours, is available at the base Travel Agency. There are also activities and trips planned by base organizations and clubs.

Heinsberg

Castle ruins (12-16 century) and remains of the town fortifications (15-16 century); Country museum of local history in the "Arch House", Randerath Castle (18 century); windmills; indoor and outdoor swimming pools; wooded surroundings with nature park Mass-Schwalm-Nette-Tal routes for walking

and bike riding along the valley of the Rur and Wurm Rivers; good shopping.

Maastrich, Netherlands

Capital of the province of Limburg and oldest fortified city in Holland. Many gates and ramparts still stand and many streets have changed little since 16th and 17th centuries; about 1400 historical monuments with wall of city; Our Lady Church - 900 years old; St. Servatius Church - 900 years old; waterfront tours; plenty of clubs for music, lots of dining and shopping. Join the Family Support Center on an orientation of the market and city quarterly on selected Fridays.

Sittard, Netherlands

City close to the German border that still has old city wall; in the center of town there are a number of half-timbered houses; St. Michaelskerk, Baroque Church; St. Petruskerk, Gothic Church - oldest existing church in Sittard. Great shopping & dining. Quarterly you can join the Family Support Center on an orientation of the market and city on selected Thursdays.

Brussels, Belgium

Largest city in Belgium; gradually becoming capital of Europe; located about one and a half hours west of Geilenkirchen; St. Michael's Cathedral; Atomium, site of the 1958 World's Fair; Waterloo; famous chocolates; lace shopping; home of Grand Place one of Europe's loveliest squares. An hour and half car drive AND you can find be exploring this city.

Antwerp, Belgium

World famous port and industrial city; center of diamond and diamond cutting industry; Cathedral of Our Lady; Ruben's House; open air sculpture museum.

Name: Aachen
City: Aachen
Phone: 02414-72301
WWW Link: http://www.aachen-tourist.de
Proximity to site: 25 km
Comments: Germany's most westerly city is known as the town of Charlemagne. The Romans established themselves here with the warm water springs beneath the town centre. It was the heart of the Frankish Empire of the 8th and 9th centuries. Aachen Treasurer is the home of a very important reliquary, including the Loather Cross, the first-ever cross depicted with a crucified Christ. Great pedestrian walking areas, a spa city complemented by many fountains. An orientation is offered monthly by the Family Support Center.

Name: Brugge
City: Belgium
Phone: (32) 50-330711
Proximity to site: 56 miles northwest of Brussels
Comments: One of Europe's loveliest cities. Often called the lace capital of the world. "Venice of the North"

Name: National Mine Museum
City: Valkenburg
Phone: (31) 44-061291
Proximity to site: 25 km
Comments: This a popular holiday resort area in The Netherlands and lies in an area of gently rolling hillsides. It has many parks and flowers, cafes and fine restaurants. There is a series of caves with grotto chapels, lakes, Roman galleries and murals.

Name: Thermae Museum
City: Heerlen
Phone: (31) 455-764581
Proximity to site: 15 kms
Comments: Roman ruins and public bath house. Hours: Tues - Fri 1000 - 1700; Sat - Sun 1400 - 1700

Recreation Opportunities

(See Record Listing)

Name: Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC)
City: Chiemsee and Garmisch
Phone: 08821-72981 DSN: 440-2575
FAX: 08821-3942
Proximity to site: 7 to 8 hours
Comments: AFRC offers a hotels in two popular tourist resorts: Chiemsee and Garmisch. Year round recreation programs and accommodations for singles, groups and families are available for all US military forces, civilians stationed in the US European command and their family members. Immediate family members visiting may also use AFRC facilities when accompanied by their sponsor. Both AFRC areas offer tours to world famous castles and to beautiful and historic Bavarian and Austrian cities. Hotel room rates and recreation costs are based on rank.

Name: Camp Darby
City: Italy
Phone: 00-39-50-54-7225 DSN: 633-7225
FAX: 0039-5054-7758
Comments: The Leaning Tower of Pisa is six miles away; the walled city of Lucca 20 miles away; Florence 75 miles. The site is just a few miles from the American Beach on the Tyrrhenian Sea.

Name: Rhine River Cruise
City: Cologne
Phone: 0221-2088-288
Comments: One day cruises available.

Name: Sports and Fitness Center
Address: Bldg 206
City: Geilenkirchen NATO AB, APO AE 09104
Phone: 02451 63 4946

Military Related and Civic Organizations

There are 25+ organizations on base for your professional and community development. A detailed listing of these organization as well as the point of contact is available at the FSC.(see Record Listing)

Name: Air Force Sergeant Association
Address: Sentry Club
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2709
Proximity to site: On base
Comments: Enlisted military grades E1 and above.

Name: Boy Scouts Association
Address: Family Support Center
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-3791
Proximity to site: On base

Name: Comapany Grade Officers' Council (CGOC)
Address: Family Support Center Ask for the Information & Referral Specialist
Phone: 02541-63-3791
Comments: Our mission is to enhance professional development to become better leaders for today s Air Force, enhance the esprit de corps, and act as an advisory group to the US Senior National Representative (USSNR). We currently participate in the quarterly award boards, social activities, and community events. Our monthly meetings are the third Wednesday of every month at 1200 in the Sentry Club Sports bar (unless otherwise noted). We are always looking for enthusiastic individuals to participate in discussions, field trips, etc. Contact the Family Support Center for a listing of the current council representatives' name and phone numbers.

Name: Geilenkirchen Honor Guard
Address: Sentry Club
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-3154
Proximity to site: On base
Comments: Open to all ranks. Meetings held second and last Tuesday of the month.

Name: Girl Scouts Association
Address: Family Support Center
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-3791
Proximity to site: On base

Name: Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
Address: Family Support Center
City: Geilenkirchen
Phone: 02451-63-3791

Name: Top Three Association
Address: Bavarian Keller
Phone: 02451-63-4952
Proximity to site: On base
Comments: Meetings are held second Thursday of each month. Purpose is to support the enlisted member and family. They offer scholarships and donations to the community.

Shopping

Various shopping areas are located throughout Germany, Belgium and The Netherlands. There are no shopping malls located in the Geilenkirchen area, however, there are two large malls within an hour+ drive. These malls will offer American style services, food courts and some name brand stores you will be familiar with, such as GAP, Planet Hollywood and Eddie Bauer. One of these malls is located in Oberhausen, Germany and the other in Antwerp, Belgium. There are several U.S. base exchanges in the surrounding area in addition to the one at Schinnen. Bitburg and Spangdahlem are approximately two hours away or you could travel to Kaiserslautern, Ramstein and Rhein-Main which are three hours away. Other NATO affiliated bases within the area are Rheindahlem, GE and Mons, Belgium. Mail order catalogs are a good source for shopping while living overseas. Be sure to update your catalogs and include any special catalogs to your mailing list.

State and Community Social Service Agencies

Contact the Information and Referral office at the FSC for community social service agency.

Non-Profit Social Service Agencies

This listing represents a sampling of the numerous organizations in the area. For assistance with locating additional services or targeting a specific organization, contact the Information and Referral Program Manager at the Family Support Center.

Name: American Women of Geilenkirchen
Address: Base Chapel
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-3435
Proximity to site: On base
Comments: AWG is an all ranks club with many activities including trips. There is also an AFNORTH Ladies' Club, which is an international club for spouses of the NATO military members. All ranks are welcome. The American Spouses' Club is a club for spouses of Americans military member stationed at AFNORTH. Also see the Schinnen newsletter, Netherlands Heraut for more information.

Religious Activities

English speaking denominations are limited in the local area. Most village churches are German speaking Roman Catholic. The Base Chapel maintains a current listing and points of contact.

Name: AFNORTH Chapel
Address: AFNORTH
City: Brunssum
Phone: (31) 455-26-2222
Proximity to site: 9 miles
Comments: Numerous activities are available: Bible studies, choirs, women's groups; men's groups, youth groups. Services include Protestant and Catholic.

Name: Geilenkirchen Base Chapel
Address: Bldg 3 and 4
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2229
Comments: Numerous activities are available: Bible studies, choirs: childrens and adult; women's group; men's group, youth group, crafts, Mops (Mothers of preschoolers), etc. It is not unusual for our American families to become affiliated with churches within their villages. Contact the Chapel for more information.

Community Transportation

Getting around Europe has been developed to a fine art. The train and bus systems are extremely elaborate and can usually transport you to any place you are interested in visiting. There are numerous large international airports for your personal travel, i.e., Brussels, Amsterdam, Dusseldorf, and Frankfurt.

What is nice about this is when you have personal travel or family visiting, all these options for travel will allow you to seek the most competitive prices. If you have any problems setting up your transportation to Brussels as your port of entry have your TMO contact the Geilenkirchen TMO for specific guidelines.

Name: AMC Terminal - Rhein Main
City: Frankfurt
Phone: 0696997746 DSN:330-7746
FAX: 06969-96309
Proximity to site: 118 miles

Name: Amsterdam International Airport (Schiphol)
City: Amsterdam
Phone: 0031-635-034050
WWW Link: http://www.schiphol.nl/
Proximity to site: Two and a half hours drive.

Name: Brussels International Airport
City: BRUSSELS
Phone: (32) 2753-3913
WWW Link: http://www.brusselsairport.be/
Proximity to site: 104 miles
Comments: Brussels International Airport is your official point of arrival. In most cases your sponsor will be there to pick you up, as long as arrangements are made prior to your arrival at the airport and clearly communicated to your sponsor. In case of "in-route" changes, always maintain sponsors telephone numbers at home and duty, as well as unit e-mail address. In case of emergency, when you call your sponsor or unit, give them the number from where you are calling just in case the lines get disconnected.

Name: Frankfurt International Airport
City: Frankfurt
Phone: 06969-030511

Name: Local Bus Service
City: All local areas
Comments: Almost every neighborhood has one or more bus stops. More generalized information about buses and their schedules can normally be obtained at the train stations (Bahnhof).

Name: Ramstein Passenger Terminal
City: Ramstein
Phone: 06371-47-5364/2433 DSN:480-5364/2433
FAX: 06371-47-2364

Name: Train Station
City: Sittard
WWW Link: http://www.ns.nl/reisplan2.asp
Proximity to site: 30 kms
Comments: The website is in English.

Name: Train Station - Geilenkirchen
City: Geilenkirchen
WWW Link: http://bahn.hafas.de/bin/query.exe/en
Proximity to site: 10 kms
Comments: The website is in English.

Education

Education Overview

An Air Force sponsored pre-school program exists on base for a limited number (12) of children ages three - four. Contact the CDC for more information.

An International Preschool also exists for children three to four years old. This program offers a planned curriculum for three-hour lessons, mornings or afternoons. Children from all nationalities stationed at Geilenkirchen AB can attend two, three, or five days weekly. Pre-registration is required.

The International Youth Activities (IYA) Center offers an organized playgroup for children ages 3-5. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday from 0800 - 1230. Pre-registration is required. Contact the IYA for more information.

The James Van Dierendonck Elementary School also known as Geilenkirchen Elementary School offers education from Kindergarten through sixth grade for dependents of personnel assigned to Geilenkirchen AB. Free bus service is provided within Germany by the Department of Defense Dependent Schools European Transportation Management Office (DETMO). DETMO is located in Bldg. 89, Room 14. Customer service hours are between 0900 - 1200 and 1300 - 1600. For any questions reference school bus transportation, please contact the office at 02451-63-2213 or 0451422.

Before and after school programs are currently available through the IYA and the CDC.

AFNORTH Elementary School, located in Brunssum, The Netherlands, is available for families assigned to AFNORTH and Schinnen.

Jr. High and High School for dependents of all personnel assigned to AFNORTH, Geilenkirchen and Schinnen is located in Brunssum, The Netherlands. Bus service is provided free of charge by DETMO for students at GK or AFNORTH.

Higher educational opportunities are plentiful for those who seek them while stationed at Geilenkirchen. The Education Center, located in Bldg. 89, offers family members, as well as Active Duty members the opportunity to complete a degree. Associate, bachelors and masters degree programs are offered at reduced tuition to those in uniform. Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) offers a Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) to help defray costs. See the Family Support Center for more information.

Approximately twenty families in the Geilenkirchen area are involved with home schooling. There is a support group available for those families. Contact the FSC for details.

Public and DODDS Schools

For more information on this subject:

School Information

<http://www.brus-dso.odedodea.edu/schools/gkes>

Department of Defense Dependents School (DODDS) is free for all "command sponsored" students at Geilenkirchen. The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools accredits both the elementary schools and high school.

Enrollment requirement for all DODDS schools - photocopy of the following: child's passport, birth certificate, up to date shot records, PCS orders, sponsor's ID, the school records from last school attended, and the child's social security number. If you are projected to arrive during the school year, it is advisable that you notify the school so they can be better prepared to receive your child. Refer to the school information form in your FSC Base Information Packet "Blue Book".

The Geilenkirchen Elementary School on Geilenkirchen AB provides a quality educational program for children from Kindergarten through sixth grade. This school is for dependents of

American personnel assigned to NATO AB Geilenkirchen. Children who are 5 years of age on or before 31 Oct. will attend Kindergarten. Children who will be 6 years of age on or before 31 Oct. will attend 1st grade. All grades receive Host Nation classes weekly. Class sizes vary yearly. There are on average two classes of 22 students per grade.

The school also offers music, art, PE, computer classes, and TAG (gifted education). The school's media center and computer lab are on the internet.

A daily hot lunch program is available at the Geilenkirchen Elementary School

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Feb 11-15 Carnival Break no school
 Mar 25- Apr 5 Spring Break no school
 Apr 11 End of 3rd quarter
 Apr 12 No school
 Apr 18-19 Parent Teacher Conferences no school
 Apr 30 No hot lunch served
 May 1 No school
 May 9 No school
 May 20 No school
 Jun 20 Early release (11:30) Last day of school

AFNORTH International Elementary, Jr. High and High School offers education for dependents of all personnel stationed at AFNORTH, Geilenkirchen(Jr. High and High School only), and Schinnen. The school caters to American, Canadian, British, and German students.

Minimum Graduation Requirements: to graduate from ANORTH High School, you must earned a minimum of 22 credits in grades 9-12. Most students earn 26-28 credits.

Graduates	June 2002 or later
Language Arts	4.0
Social Studies	3.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
Foreign Language	2.0
Career Education	1.0
Fine Arts	1.0
Physical Education	1.0
Health	0.5
Computer Science	0.5
Electives	4.5
TOTAL	24.0

Two years of a foreign language are required for students in the Class of 2002 and 24 credits to

graduate in 2002 plus 20 hours per year of service learning.

Name: 1. Geilenkirchen Elementary School also known as James Van Dierendonck Elementary School
Address: Bldg 93 Unit 8045
City: NATO Air Base 09104
Phone: 02451-63-2296 or 903080
E-Mail: John_Allan@eu.odedodea.edu
WWW Link: http://www.gkschool.com
Proximity to site: On base
Comments: 250 students enrolled November 2001. Please note that incoming personnel can also pre-register their children by contacting the school registrar at caterina_gillikin@eu.odedodea.edu

Name: AFNORTH Elementary School
Address: Unit 21606
City: APO AE 09703
Phone: (31) 455-278251
WWW Link: http://www.brus-dso.odedodea.edu/~ais/index.htm

Name: AFNORTH High School and Middle School
Address: Unit 21606
City: APO AE 09703
Phone: (31) 455-278260/278262
E-Mail: Kay_Galloway@eu.odedodea.edu
WWW Link: http://www.brus-dso.odedodea.edu/~ais/highsch/high.htm
Proximity to site: 15 kms

Name: International Pre-School
Address: Bldg 96
Phone: 011-49-2451-63-Ext 4957
Comments: Hours: Mon-Fri 0745-1100 hrs and 1200-1500 hrs The school offers two classes each structured to a specific age group. The Pre-Kindergarten class is available to children who are four years old by the end of October of the current school year. This class concentrates on basic skills preparing the pre-school child for kindergarten. There is also a Pre-School class available to children who are three years old by the end of October of the current school year. This class concentrates on positive social interaction and basic pre-school skills. The basic goals of the International Pre-School is to provide a positive educational introduction for the pre-school age child. By providing a good beginning for the child, the programme establishes basic foundations for future academic and social skills. Some of the basic skills they learn, are to share and co-operate with peers as well as adults, developing a positive self-image, learning to follow directions and completing assigned tasks. We also stress the basic concepts of colors, numbers, shapes and the alphabet and how to apply the learned concepts.

Private Schools

Geilenkirchen offers an International Preschool program for preschool children who will be three or four years old. This program offers a planned curriculum for three hour lessons, mornings or afternoons. Children can attend two, three, or five days weekly. Pre-registration is required. This is a paid service.

Americans can use the local German and Dutch schools. German Kindergarten schools are most frequently used. The older the child the more German is used. Private school listing can be picked up upon arrival. For more information about German schools or home schooling, please refer to the record listing or contact the Family Support Center.

If you are considering home schooling refer to following information for more details:

National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), 1620 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20036, 1-800-343-9138.

Colleges and Universities

(See Record Listing)

Name: City Colleges of Chicago
Address: Bldg 89
City: Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base 09104
Phone: 02451-63-2246
Proximity to site: On base
Tuition: \$120.00/sh
Comments: Distance learning courses only - Associates in Liberal Arts and an Associate in General Studies

Name: University of Maryland
Address: Bldg 104
City: Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base 09104
Phone: 02451-63-2247
FAX: 02451-64510
Proximity to site: On base
Tuition: \$138.00/sh undergraduate; \$218.00/sh graduate
Comments: Offers the following Undergraduate Programs: Certificates Management, Computer Science, Women's Studies, Foreign Language, Accounting Associate Degrees Management Studies, General Curriculum, Computer Studies, Business and Management Baccalaureate Degrees Psychology, Management Studies, Information Systems Management, History, Government, Computer Studies, Business and Management, Computer and Information Science Offers the following Graduate Programs Master of Science in Management Information Systems Master of Arts Degrees in Public Administration, Business Administration and Administrative Management are available at other sites in Europe

Name: University of Oklahoma
City: Bldg 89
Phone: 02451-63-2208
Proximity to site: On Base
Tuition: \$225.00/sh
Comments: Master's Degree in Human Relations, International Relations, and Education with emphasis in Adult and Higher Education.

Adult or Continuing Education

Tuition assistance program are available - Spouse Tuition Assistance program sponsored by AFAS, as well as Pell Grants and student loans are available. German Language courses are offered at approximately \$40.00 per course. (See Record Listing)

Name: Army Education Center
City: Treebek
Phone: (31) 455-63-6041
Proximity to site: 30 kms
Comments: Information can be obtained concerning GED and CLEP examinations.

Name: Education Office
Address: Bldg 89
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2244
Proximity to site: On base

Special Education

Information can be obtained from the Geilenkirchen American School or Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator.

AFNORTH Early Intervention Program: This program is a federally mandated program serving 3-6 year old children with identified special needs in one or more of the following areas: Speech & Language, Motor, Behavior/social, Cognitive (thinking), and Self-help.

The AFNORTH School Program serves the Geilenkirchen and AFNORTH Communities. Services provided include: developmental screenings, developmental information & resource for parents, full evaluation if appropriate (parent permission required), placement in program if children qualify is based on specific eligibility requirements. Speech and

language and/or occupational therapy provided by trained therapists when appropriate.

The Early Intervention classroom maintains a schedule similar to an Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten classroom; however, emphasis is placed on developing specific language, cognitive, and social skills appropriate to the individual child's needs. Research has shown that early intervention and placement into a program designed to meet the individual's needs can help children avoid serious learning problems when they reach school age. Parents are encourage to call for more information or to set up a screening appointment at any time by calling the AFNORTH School (phone 031455278275), or the Geilenkirchen Elementary School (02451-67725).

Name: National Information Center for Children and Youth with Handicaps
City: Washington, DC 20013
Phone: 1-800-999-5599

Employment

Employment Overview

As with most overseas assignments, the job search can be very frustrating. A severe national unemployment rate (12%) and language barriers are the toughest factors to overcome in obtaining employment on the local economy. Few people from NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen are able to find employment on the local economy. If you are currently employed with a company that does business in Europe, and you think they may have a place for you in their overseas locations, make every effort to obtain your transfer before departing the United States. Three military installation - NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, AFNORTH, and Schinnen, provide some employment opportunities.

How quickly you find employment usually depends on four things: your background, qualification credentials, the time of the year, and your diligence/perseverance. Civil Service positions are the most sought after and the hardest to obtain. There are fewer than 30 GS positions available on Geilenkirchen and fewer than 60 on Schinnen. The most frequent positions listed are clerical, administrative, accounting, computer related, and a few at the Child Development Center.

AAFES is the largest family member employer in the area and has the most turnover. The AAFES Exchange and the Commissary are both located at Schinnen. Other agencies that offer employment opportunities are the NATEX, Non-Appropriated Funds, and Department of Defense Schools (DODDS). NATEX is the NATO equivalent of AAFES and is located on Geilenkirchen. DODDS positions are available at AFNORTH International School in Brunssum, The Netherlands and at the American Elementary School here on Geilenkirchen. NATO positions are also available from time to time. They are highly desired because they are currently income tax exempt and pay well but the competition for these positions is severe and multinational.

Employment opportunities are very limited and making a choice to work frequently is tempered by availability of affordable child care and reliable transportation. Contact the Career Focus Program Manager at your current base to make sure your federal application, resume, transcripts, letters of recommendation and other job search essentials are current before you depart. Prior to your arrival, contact the Family Support Center. They will assist you in establishing your career goal. They will provide training and education. Help is available to assist you in developing or refining resumes and interviewing skills, and provide information on job leads, networking opportunities and available resources. Be sure to hand carry all important documents needed for job hunting purposes: all employment records and information, Federal Applications, Resume, Transcripts, licenses, SF-50, certificates, etc. They won't do you any good in your household goods.

Good Prospects: Army Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) and NATO Exchange (NATEX)

Fair Prospects: Substitute teaching (DODDS & CDC)

Poor Prospects: Professional, technical, and nursing

Employment is generally limited to on base and opportunities are mostly clerical or services related.

Federal Civilian Employment for Spouses

Civil Service (GS), Non-appropriated Funds (NAF) and Army Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) positions fall under the umbrella of the Congressionally mandated Military Spouse Preference Program. It is limited to those positions located within the local community area (currently within one hour from Geilenkirchen). Military

spouse preference provides priority in the employment selection process for a spouse who is relocating as a result of the military spouse's PCS.

Permanent Employment Resources

Spangdahlem is the Servicing Civilian Personnel Office (CPO). Geilenkirchen has no actual personnel office for Civil Service Positions. The Support Flight Commander's secretary has information and forms available regarding federal employment, both appropriated and non-appropriated funds on Geilenkirchen and serves as a liaison. Be sure to contact this office and the Career Focus Manager at the Family Support Center to obtain information regarding federal jobs.

Community Bank Schinnen, the Netherlands
Telephone: 001-31-46-443-7412

The Community Bank has no real personnel office. Hiring is done directly by the local branch manager.

Name: AFNORTH International School
City: Brunssum
Phone: (31) 455-278261
Proximity to site: 15 kms
Comments: Call the school for information about available positions.

Name: Army Civilian Personnel
Address: Bldg 4
City: Schinnen
Phone: 031-46-443-7329
DSN Phone: 360-7329
WWW Link: http://www.chrma.hqusareur.army.mil
Proximity to site: 30 kms
Comments: Schinnen is primarily a US Army facility that provides support for all US in this tri-border area and has access to US appropriated and non-appropriated fund positions.

Name: Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES)
Address: HQ Building
City: Schinnen
Phone: (31) 46-443-5036
Proximity to site: 30 kms
Comments: Manages all AAFES employment at Schinnen

Name: Career Focus/Spouse Employment Program
Address: Bldg 78
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-3791
Proximity to site: On base
Comments: Provides information on local employment opportunities, resume and interview preparation, career exploration, self-assessment, marketing volunteer experience, access to computers and a large resource library.

Name: Community Bank
City: Schinnen, The Netherlands
Phone: 001-31-46-443-7412

Name: Department of Defense Dependent Schools
Address: Personnel Offices, 4040 N. Airfax Dr
City: Arlington, VA 22203-1634
WWW Link: http://www.odedodea.edu/
Comments: Applications for local hire positions with DoDDS in Europe should be submitted to above address. Professional teachers are recruited through the Arlington VA office. Applications procedures for teaching positions can be found at the DoDDS website. Contact positions are usually handled by the individual schools.

Name: Geilenkirchen Civilian Personnel Liaison
Address: Unit 3485, Bldg 87, 470 AFB/CC
City: APO, AE 09104
Phone: 02451-63-2210
FAX: 02451-65466
Proximity to site: On base

Name: Geilenkirchen Elementary School
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2296
Proximity to site: On base
Comments: Call the school for information about available positions.

Name: NATO Airborne Early Warning Force E-3A
Address: Postfach 400A
City: Geilenkirchen D-5130
Phone: (49) 02451-63-2344
Proximity to site: On base
Comments: Job info Center is located in building 8. Information and applications for NATO positions at AFNORTH, Brunssum, The Netherlands, Geilenkirchen and other NATO facilities throughout Europe are available through this office.

Name: North Atlantic Treaty Exchange (NATEX)
Address: BLDG 99 - Canadian Forces Support
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-95- 9306
Proximity to site: On base
Comments: Manages all local area NATEX employment.

Temporary Employment Resources

Temporary employment opportunities are also available through the above listed agencies. Contact them or the Career Focus Program Manager at the Family Support Center for further information.

Non-Paid or Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer work can be very rewarding, in terms of self-satisfaction, career enhancement, and networking. Many family members use their volunteer positions as a means of showing their abilities to potential employers, keeping current on existing skills, learning or improving new skills, and getting to meet people around the base. Opportunities are available at the Post Office, Dental Clinic, Legal Office, American Red Cross, Family Support Center and various other locations throughout the base.

Name: Family Support Center
Address: Bldg 78
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-3791
FAX: 02451-65819
Proximity to site: On base

Chambers of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce services are very different than those stateside. They can offer assistance and guidance on starting your own business in Germany and provide you with information regarding

American companies doing business in Europe. The Career Focus manager at the FSC also has information on these and other topics.

Name: American Chamber of Commerce in Germany
Address: Rossmarkt 12
City: Frankfurt/Main D-60311
Phone: 06992919452
FAX: 06992910411
Proximity to site: 200 km

Name: Amerika Haus
City: Frankfurt
Phone: 069175656
Proximity to site: 200 km
Comments: Hours: 0900 - 1600 Mon - Fri Amerika Haus is an assistance center developed in cooperation with the US Dept of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce and companies doing business in Europe. They can provide information on starting your own business, franchises information on companies and other valuable material.

Private Sector Employment

If you are currently employed with a company that does business in Europe, and you think they may have a place for you in their overseas locations, make every effort to obtain your transfer before departing the United States. It is much easier to be hired by an American company to work in Europe while you are residing in the US than it is to be hired after you are in Europe. European Economic Union (EU) rules drastically restrict the number of non-EEC employees that can be hired locally. They do not, however, restrict the number of technical, advisory, management or special employees that the company can bring in from the US.

Working on the economy also requires you to obtain a Host-Nation Work Permit. The down side is that once the work permit is stamped in your passport, many of your Status of Forces Agreement Benefits (SOFA) can be lost. You will basically lose any chances that you had for federal employment along with other benefits.

For more information, see Chamber of Commerce section, contact the Career Focus Program Manager at the Family Support Center or contact the base legal office.

Government Employment

See Permanent Employment Section for information regarding government employment.

Professional or Occupational Licensing

Practical Nurse Certification should be obtained before arriving in Europe.

Registered Nurse Certification should be obtained before arriving in Europe.

Teacher Certification should be obtained before arriving in Europe.

Obtain Child Care certification before arriving in Europe. Positions are sometimes available at the base Child Development Center. Since there is no base housing, operating child care out of your home falls under the jurisdiction of the German or Dutch government. All licenses, income tax laws and other rules must be complied with. Food, toys, and supplies for business use cannot legally be purchased through the PX or commissary.

Home Business; as with child care, since there is no base housing, operating a business out of your home falls under the jurisdiction of the German or Dutch government. All licenses, income tax laws and other rules must be complied with. Penalties can be severe if you are found to be operating "under the table". Food, toys and supplies for business use cannot be used to deliver products, raw materials, merchandise, etc....intended for resale or business. Contact the base legal office and the Career Focus Program Manager for further details.

Networking Opportunities

Contact the Family Support Center for information on networking opportunities. Several of the programs such as Information and Referral, Newcomer's Orientation, Volunteer program, Surviving Overseas Orientation, the Career Focus Program, and others can provide you with valuable contact and information regarding local area employment. Other networking opportunities exist through the schools, wives clubs, chapel and similar activities.

Medical And Dental

Medical and Dental Overview

For more information on this subject:

TRICARE Europe
<http://webserver.europe.tricare.osd.mil>

Welcome to the 470th Medical Flight and to Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany. We are often referred to as the "GK Clinic". Our motto--"Our Family Taking Care of Your Family" truly is our number one goal. The clinic provides Outpatient Care in the areas of Family Practice, OB/GYN, Allergy/Immunizations, Behavioral Health Education, Health Education and Primary Care. NO EMERGENCY ROOM IS AVAILABLE. Personnel must use the German or Dutch EMS system. Tricare Prime covers 100% in Europe. Family members are frequently referred for health care in the local civilian communities to English speaking providers.

ALL ACTIVE DUTY E-3A flyers receive their medical and dental care from the NATO Flight Medicine Squadron (NFMS, Bldg 201)

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) identifies family members with special needs or educational needs, and ensures that these needs are being met. It also ensures you won't be assigned where these needs can't be met. If you have an exceptional family member, contact the EMPF office to ensure needed services are available. If you are currently enrolled in a special needs program, work closely with the current base. Services are limited here.

During your stay here at "GK", it is our hope that you remain healthy. If, however, you fall ill, we're ready to assist you in regaining your well being. When you check into the clinic with your medical records you will be given a booklet. This booklet contains valuable information for both medical and dental clinic services, helpful German and Dutch medical phrases, and a listing of local hospitals.

We are continually trying to improve our service to you and we welcome your suggestions. If you have a suggestion or comment, please call us at 02451-99-3319 or 02451-99-3300 within Germany. Outside of Germany, call 49-2451-99-3319 or 49-2451-99-3300.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Medical Clinic (Bldg 208)

Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri 0800-1700

Thursday 0800-1200(Closed Thursday afternoon for training)

Military Sick-call (M-F)0800-0810

The Clinic is closed on all NATO E-3A Component Holidays and open on most American holidays.

SEEKING EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE:
PLEASE READ AND STUDY THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION CONCERNING EMERGENCY
MEDICAL CARE!

IT COULD SAVE YOU OR ONE OF YOUR
LOVED ONES' LIVES OR PREVENT
UNNECESSARY SUFFERING DURING A
MEDICAL EMERGENCY.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF A MEMBER OF MY
FAMILY BECOMES SERIOUSLY ILL OR
INJURED?

For all medical emergencies involving life/death, loss of limb, or loss of eyesight, immediately go to the nearest civilian hospital emergency room. The Clinic does not have an emergency room.

IF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY SHOULD OCCUR,
WHAT STEPS CAN I TAKE NOW TO MAKE IT
EASIER TO HANDLE?

IN GERMANY & THE NETHERLANDS

Dial 112

State type of aid needed and your address

The center will connect you with the nearest requested service

State again the situation, the type of help needed and your address

Help will respond

(In some cases you may be helped by the first person you speak to)

USING DUTCH OR GERMAN MEDICAL FACILITIES

If you have an emergency, go directly to the nearest hospital. Do not come to the Clinic! The clinic does not have an emergency room. In Germany, the word for hospital is "Krankenhaus", in The Netherlands the word is "Ziekenhuis". The international symbol for hospital is the capital letter "H".

Family members must inform the TRICARE Service Center prior to obtaining routine care by a local provider. All care received by a local provider must be authorized prior to the appointment. In case of an emergency, (loss of life, limb or eye), notify the TRICARE Service Center the next duty after the treatment. Failure to notify the Service Center may result in an out of pocket expense.

Active Duty members receiving emergency care at a local hospital must contact the Resource Management Office 99-3325 the next duty day. Active duty members cannot receive routine care without prior approval from the clinic.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS: Following the simple steps below will ensure the best possible access to care:

a. Please phone first for an appointment. You may schedule an appointment by calling Central Appointments at extension 99-3200 (0800-1600). A limited number of same day appointments are available for acute health problems. If you have a medical condition that has been bothering you for some time, please schedule a routine appointment.

b. Arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment time. This allows time to find a parking space, accomplish your paperwork and get your vital signs taken. Arriving early will ensure a timely appointment for you.

c. If you cannot keep an appointment, please call the appointment desk at extension 99-3200 within 24 hours and cancel. During non-duty hours an answering machine is available to take your message. Your canceled appointment opens a slot for others who may otherwise have to wait and will avoid no show letters.

d. Active Duty Sick Call is for active duty with acute medical problems. Sign in between 0800 and 0810. Patients are seen according to time of arrival and severity of illness or referred to a civilian provider on the economy.

CLINIC SERVICES

FAMILY PRACTICE: The providers assigned to the medical clinic include three USAF board certified Family Practitioners, and one Canadian physician. Appropriate referrals for services or procedures not performed at the clinic may be obtained from your Family Practice provider.

WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE SERVICES: Women's healthcare encompasses both reproductive and gynecologic services. Gynecologic services may be obtained from any of the physicians. Obstetric (OB) care is available through the Family Practice providers. Appointments are required for any type of OB/GYN care. Routine appointments may be

scheduled through Central Appointments. Please be as specific as possible when making an appointment to assist our staff with providing you with the appropriate amount of time needed for your specific problem.

GYN appointments may be scheduled for a variety of reasons, such as PAP smears, breast exams, vaginal infections, treatment of venereal diseases, abnormal bleeding, family planning, (contraceptive or infertility counseling), postpartum and post-operative GYN check ups. Our appointments are not limited to the above.

We recommend attending our OB Orientation Class for those who are pregnant and will be receiving care through this facility. This class is approximately 2 hours in length and covers a wide variety of topics which the mother-to-be and her companion would find helpful. At that time, the OB records will be initiated, prenatal medications will be ordered for you, and you will be scheduled for your first OB physical appointment. Information on TRICARE, Dental Services, and services provided by the local medical facilities in the area will also be discussed. Active duty females will need OB profiles initiated within 24-72 hours of receiving a positive pregnancy test result.

Once the pregnancy reaches 28 weeks, OB care will be transferred to one of the civilian referral hospitals. High-risk pregnancies will be referred to civilian care earlier in the pregnancy. If you desire to have your maternity care continued in the military medical system you may want to consider the StorkNest Program. This program is sponsored by the 52nd Medical Group in Bitburg, GE. There are eligibility requirements for this program, which will be discussed in the OB Orientation class. Childbirth preparation classes are also available for couples in their 32nd week or later. Inquires can be made at the clinic.

Spouses/Partners are welcome in the exam room for any OB/GYN appointment. However, we ask that children not attend your appointments. You may not be seen if you bring your children with you. It is important to the patient-provider relationship not to have distractions during your examination.

WELL BABY CLINIC: You must make an appointment for your baby at set times for weight, growth check-up, and immunizations. The recommended times are 2 weeks and 2, 4, 6, 12, and 18 months of age. These appointments should be made through Central Appointments. Both parents

are encouraged to attend. Due to limited seating and risk of exposing well babies to infections, other children and adults are discouraged from coming.

ALLERGY & IMMUNIZATIONS: Allergy testing is done only upon referral from a physician trained to handle the allergy program. Routine adult immunizations do not require an appointment. Immunizations are given Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 0800-1630.

Well children can receive immunizations without seeing a physician. Bring the child's shot record to the Immunization Clinic at the above times. All personnel PCSing should have a TB skin test no earlier than 60 days prior to departure. You must bring your immunization records when you come to the Immunization Clinic. You must remain in the clinic for twenty minutes following an allergy injection. This allows trained medical personnel to monitor you for any adverse reaction.

OPTOMETRY SERVICES: Every three to four months, the clinic has a visiting optometrist from another medical facility. Call Central Appointments to book an appointment. If you need to be seen sooner TRICARE allows one optometry visit per year for active duty family members. See our Health Benefits Advisor for more information.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS: Active duty physicals are done in two parts and require two separate appointments. Call Central Appointments for an appointment. Active duty physicals are scheduled on Monday through Wednesday beginning at 0830. Total force HIV testing is also provided.

Life Skills Education Services: The Life Skills Education provides crisis intervention, marriage counseling, alcohol evaluation, child/spouse abuse intervention, and other diagnostic and treatment services. All authorized beneficiaries in need of mental health assistance may contact Life Skills Education office for an appointment. Duty hours are 0800-1700. The clinic has a mental health technician who will talk to you first to assess the nature of your situation, and then schedule you for an appointment with a social worker or psychologist.

ANCILLARY SERVICES

PHARMACY: Pharmacy personnel can only fill a prescription as written. They cannot give you additional refills. You must see a provider for further refills. If you have a prescription from another facility, please call or come to the pharmacy

immediately to make sure it is available. For a number of reasons, we are not able to routinely fill prescriptions written by local civilian providers. However, these can usually be filled on the economy. Remember, eligible family members of active duty, TRICARE will reimburse you the cost of prescription drugs.

LABORATORY: Laboratory personnel are responsible for obtaining and processing blood, urine and other tissue specimens as required by the provider. You will be asked to go to the lab located in the basement of the clinic. Test results are reported directly to your provider. Not all tests are done at our laboratory and specimens may be sent away to a referral lab. When this happens, it may take a few weeks for the results to get back.

RADIOLOGY: Radiology technicians perform x-rays and other radiological procedures requested by your provider. These procedures enable your provider to determine the cause of your problem and to be able to proceed with appropriate treatment. Radiology is located in the NATO clinic in Bldg 201, on the first floor. The service is open 0800-1700.

HEALTH RECORDS: The health records of all service members and their family members are the property of the US Government. You are required to maintain your records in a military treatment facility. If a record is not in a military facility, there is no way to ensure all of the important paperwork (i.e. lab slips, consults, results from civilian medical care, etc) is placed in your record. This omission could present a serious health risk. All health records are considered privileged information. Therefore, no information will be released without your written consent. While this assures you no one has access to your records, it may create problems within families. Without his/her written consent, you cannot pick up your spouse's record for an appointment. Legally we are not allowed to give you that record. The best way to avoid this situation is to sign a consent letter that gives your spouse the right to pick your medical record. This consent letter is located in the Outpatient records department and must be signed and witnessed by the Outpatient Records staff. This procedure also applies to children age 18 and older.

PATIENT REFERRALS:

Referrals to Civilian Hospitals: Once your provider has decided you should go to a civilian facility, he/she will initiate a referral. Please go to the TRICARE Service Center. The Service center will

obtain the necessary personal information and schedule the appointment.

You will be seen at the civilian facility for the duration of your treatment and care. The bills will be paid by TRICARE for Active duty and their family member(except parent and parent-in-laws) we will brief you on filing your TRICARE claim and annotate the referral. All results will be sent to this clinic for entry in your out patient record.

The 470th Medical Flight IS NOT a 24 hour facility.

Patients requiring evaluation or treatment beyond the capability of the Clinic are referred to USAF Hospital, Bitburg, 2nd General Army Hospital, Landstuhl, De Wever Hospital Heerlen, The Netherlands Brunssum hospital, The Netherlands.

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Medical Services/Directory - on Installation

<i>Clinic</i>	<i>POC</i>	<i>Number</i>
Appointment (Medical) Line		02451-99-3200
CHAMPUS/TRICARE		02451-99-3400
Canadian Office		02451-99-3354
Dental Clinic		02451-99-3535
Exceptional Family Member Program		49-2451-99-3319
Health Promotions		02451-99-3384
Immunization Clinic		02451-99-3330
Laboratory		02451-99-3379
Military Public Health		02451-99-3328
Outpatient Records		02451-99-3366
Patient Advocate		02451-99-3321
Pharmacy		02451-99-3334
Physical Exams		02451-99-3374
Primary Care		02451-99-3345
Radiology Clinic		02451-99-3420
Telephone Consultation		02451-99-3345

Health Benefits Advisor, Wellness, and CHAMPUS/TRICARE Programs

Tricare Prime provides 100% coverage for dependent care. (See Record Listing)

Health promotion provides nutrition education, cardiovascular/cancer education, prevention education, health risk appraisals, tobacco prevention and cessation, total fitness enhancement, stress management, medical self-help and The Take Care of Yourself program. (See Record Listing)

Community Hospitals

After finding a house, locate the hospital closest to you in case of an emergency. See Record Listing of civilian hospitals in the local area. We do not endorse or imply that the quality of care of any civilian facility is better than the other. For directions

to each hospital, please stop by the 470th Medical Clinic or stop by the Family Support Center in building 78 to pick up the clinic information pamphlet.

First, decide which medical facility you will use if you have an emergency. Make sure your family knows this is the facility of choice. Next, determine the shortest route from your home to that medical facility. Periodically, drive and check the route for possible closed roads or detours. Keep emergency phone numbers posted on or near the phone where children and adults can easily find them. Learn CPR from our Community Red Cross volunteers. Invest your time now. It will make it much easier if an emergency occurs and may save a loved one. Find out if the facility requires a "PON" card and obtain one for each family member. A PON card is an identification card for the local hospital. Carry this card each time you go to a local facility.

Name: 52nd Medical Group
City: Bitburg AFB, Germany
Phone: 06565617985
Proximity to site: 103 miles

Name: Brunssum Hospital
City: Brunssum, The Netherlands
Phone: (31) 455279999
Proximity to site: 10 - 15 minutes

Name: De Wever Hospital
City: Heerlen, The Netherlands
Phone: (31) 455766666
Proximity to site: 15-20 minutes

Name: Heinsberg Hospital
City: Heinsberg, Germany
Phone: 02452-5081
Proximity to site: 20 minutes

Name: St Elizabeth Hospital
City: Geilenkirchen, Germany
Phone: 02451-6221
Proximity to site: 5-10 minutes

Dental Services/Directory - on Installation

For more information on this subject:

United Concordia's Overseas Dental Unit

<http://www.ucci.com>

For more information on the Tricare Family Member Dental Plan Overseas Extension, please access the United Concordia web page (see web link located above).

Routine duty hours for U. S. Dental Clinic Geilenkirchen are 0800-1700 Monday Friday. Sick call is at 0800 - 0815 daily and is available for all patients. Sick call patients are urged to arrive first thing the morning. Closed on weekends and NATO holidays (See Record Listing). The clinic has no after-hours capabilities. For after-hours emergencies, patients have telephone access to a military dentist by dialing the following cell phone number: 0171-2609570. The military dentist will then assess your problem over the phone, answer any questions and if necessary, direct you to civilian providers in the local community. Further options for after-hours care can be found below. Active Duty members receiving after-hours emergency dental care by civilian dentists will be reimbursed for the expenses. They should report to the TRICARE office (in the Medical Clinic) after such treatment to begin the reimbursement

process, then report to the U. S. Dental Clinic for followup. Family members will not be reimbursed for emergency dental care received on the economy unless it is to treat a traumatic injury. All elective dental care received by civilian dentists is at the patient's expense.

Active Duty USAF and U.S. Army members must receive an annual dental examination and are appointed based on the date of their most recent past dental exam. In most cases a cleaning will be accomplished at the same visit, and subsequent appointments arranged as necessary.

Family members should make appointments for exam and cleanings during their sponsor's birth month. In special circumstances another time may be arranged. Please call the front desk at 02451-99-3535 for more information.

Family members are always eligible for routine dental care. This is on a space required basis, not a space available basis. Presently family member care at the clinic comprises over 60% of total care provided, and includes exams, cleanings, fillings, root canals, periodontal work, oral surgery, and some prosthodontic care (crowns, bridges, and dentures). There is no orthodontist stationed at Geilenkirchen. Family members who wish to initiate orthodontic treatment during their stay overseas are advised to seek care from either a German or Dutch civilian orthodontist. Space availability with the American orthodontist at Bitburg AB is very limited, and therefore only the most severe cases are usually accepted for initiation of treatment.

While most dental services are available, we strongly urge sponsors/family members anticipating an overseas move to Geilenkirchen to remain enrolled in the TFMDP until they arrive here. After surveying family dental needs, the sponsor can then make a more educated decision as to whether to remain enrolled or disenroll.

Tests of the public water in the surrounding German and Dutch communities shows a fluoride level that is barely measurable. Because our water is not fluoridated, we offer a weekly fluoride rinse program at our schools as a public health benefit. In the Tri-Border area, we have had a fluoride rinse program in place at AFCENT Elementary for 6 years. Recently, similar programs were instituted at the Geilenkirchen Elementary School and at DOD schools in Belgium. Supplemental fluoride is prescribed specifically for cavity prone children who do not have access to other sources of fluoride.

How to obtain Emergency Care after duty hours:

Every Wednesday, the Geilenkirchen newspaper, Super Mittwoch lists the dental clinics in the area that are having Saturday hours for emergencies. The American dentist on call also has the list.

If you live in The Netherlands, please call 045576-7200 to contact DeWever Hospital in Heerlen, which

can direct you to an emergency clinic. DeWever Hospital also has a dental surgeon on call.

For those in the Heinsberg area, dial 02452-1880. This will put you in contact with the Staedtisches Krankenhaus in Heinsberg which can provide a list of available civilian dentists.

Dental Clinic phone number: 02451-99-3535

Dental Services/Directory - on Installation

<i>Clinic</i>	<i>POC</i>	<i>Number</i>
Commander		02451-99-3535
Emergency - None Available at the Clinic		
Endodontics Clinic (Limited Services)		02451-99-3535
Periodontics Clinic (Limited Services)		02451-99-3535

Family Member Dental Plan

For more information on this subject:
United Concordia's Overseas Dental Unit
<http://www.ucci.com>

For more information on this subject reference Medical and Dental Overview or listing below

Housing

Housing Overview

There are no government houses at Geilenkirchen.

All personnel live on the German or Dutch (by special permission only) economy. Finding a house is usually not difficult but is definitely impacted during the high PCS season (May - August). Visit the Housing Referral Office to obtain a listing of available houses. Also contact the International Housing office located in the NATO Billeting building. Some families also search out houses through the Schinnen and AFNORTH housing offices. Some houses are found through "word of mouth". Ask around for available houses.

The average number of days in temporary lodging arrangements is 40-45.

German houses are comparable to American houses. On the average a German house is approximately 120 sq meters (1291 sq feet) and cost approximately EU

750,00 (approximately \$750.00 at the current exchange rate). Rooms tend to be smaller, but there are some with large sized rooms. Duplex homes are common, however, standalone or bungalow houses are also available. Many will have full basements. These homes normally do not have closets as we are used to in the U.S. Schrunks are used for storing clothing and other items and are available through the Schinnen Housing Office. Often houses are rented with no light fixtures. These can be purchased at local stores, bought at garage sales or negotiated in the rent with the landlords. Kitchens tend to be smaller than what we are used to in the U.S. and some lack appliances. Once again these will be available through Schinnen Housing. Most members are able to find a comfortable and appropriate house within the allowance for their grade.

Name: Housing Referral Office
Address: Bldg 87
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2224
FAX: 02451-69923
Proximity to site: On base

Name: Housing Supply
Phone: 0031-46-443-7440
Proximity to site: At Shinnen NL, 25 minutes
Comments: Monday - Friday 0830 - 1630

Housing Allowances

For more information on this subject:
www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html
<http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html>

Overseas Housing Allowance is for those living off base. It is paid in addition to BAQ (Bachelor Allowance Quarters). The rates are broken down by rank and dependent status. The rates are used to cover rent and utility. Use JTR location GM531 when requested and enter the appropriate information as prompted.

Average Maintenance Allowance
 Accompanied Unaccompanied
 Officer: \$276 \$207
 Enlisted: \$276 \$207

Average rent paid for this area: 750 euro

Moving In Housing Allowance- a one time allowance
 Includes rental acquisitions, security, and miscellaneous expenses:

Officer: \$584.00
 Enlisted: \$584.00

Housing Allowances

Housing allowance information is available from the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee's Web Site:	
Rates and Allowances Home Page	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html
Basic Allowance for Housing	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bah.html
Overseas Housing Allowance	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/alooaha.html

Government Housing

No government housing available.

Enlisted Housing- No base housing located at Geilenkirchen.

Officer Housing- No base housing located at Geilenkirchen.

AFNORTH personnel must reside in the Netherlands as part of the SOFA agreement.

Name: AFNORTH Housing Office
Phone: 0031-455-26-2017
Proximity to site: AFNORTH 15 minutes from Geilenkirchen
Comments: Monday - Friday 0900 - 1600

Community Housing

Contact base housing referral office for additional information. German Rental finders are available but finder's fees are usually expensive, as much as three months rent. Current exchange rate \$1=.88 euro as of Jan 02.

Name: Housing Referral Office
Address: Bldg 87
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2224
FAX: 02451-69923
Proximity to site: On base

Housing	Home Rental* (\$)
	Rental
1BR.....	: 400-500 euro per mth
2BR.....	: 500-650 euro per mth
3BR.....	: 650-800 euro per mth
4BR.....	: 750-900 euro per mth

Name: International Housing Office
Address: Billeting Bldg 141
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-4962
Proximity to site: On base

Purchase	
3BR.....	: 150,000. - 225,000. euro
4BR.....	: 150,000. - 300,000. euro

*Home Rental Price - Depends on room size, age of house and number of bedrooms.

Utilities

Utilities (avg).....150 - 225 euro per month

Your utility bills will be divided into two categories:
 (1) the utilities that you will pay to your landlord every month in addition to your rent, the "Nebenkosten", and (2) those that you will pay to the utility company directly.

The "Nebenkosten" will probably include trash, water, sewer and chimney sweep (furnace cleaning), but remember that every landlord is different. As you pay this with your monthly rent, by automatic bank debit from your German bank account, you pay an estimated amount for the year that is prorated monthly. Your landlord will reconcile your actual usage once a year and settle whether you owe him/her or he/she owes you.

Those utilities that you will pay directly to the utility companies will probably be electricity, phone and oil/gas.

The electric company will estimate your usage for one year and will bill you every other month so you will receive six bills a year or you may get a monthly bill. The electric company will reconcile your actual usage once a year and settle whether you owe them or they owe you. Most people pay by automatic debit from their German bank account. **REMEMBER TO GO TO THE SERVICE OFFICE TO JOIN THE ELECTRICITY AND GAS TAX FREE PROGRAM.**

For phone service, you will receive a monthly bill from the German phone company and most people pay this by automatic debit from their German bank account. You will pay a flat rate just to have phone service, and then you must pay for every call, local or long distance, you can also rent a German phone for a monthly rental fee. Ask when you sign up for phone service if you want an itemized bill. For long distance phone service, most people use a "call back service" company since it is considerably cheaper than German long distance rates; ask for details when you get here. There are several companies to choose from, many of which advertise in the "Stars and Stripes". Your options for phone service are discussed in SOS(Surviving Over Seas) offered by the FSC.

The majority of houses in the area use oil heat. You can buy oil tax free using the tax relief systems. There are many oil companies to choose from. Usually it is cheapest to buy oil in the summer when prices are lower. It can be expensive to fill your oil tank but, depending on family size and usage you should only have to buy oil once a year or so; so you would have to do your own budgeting for oil.

Value Added Tax - There is a 16% Value Added Tax added to all merchandise and services purchased on the Germany economy. The Component has established a special program to allow its members to be exempt from paying the VAT. This exemption is useful when you purchase items such as heating oil,

expensive auto parts, furniture and clothing. The two important things to remember are: the value of the merchandise must be at least DM 100, and this program is only valid for items purchased in Germany. Should you wish to purchase something tax-free outside of Germany, you must go through the American Legal Office. To utilize this special program, check with the VAT office in Bldg.80 prior to your purchase. Vendor participation is totally voluntary. Once you've paid for the merchandise, you cannot get the exemption. The VAT exemption may be obtained only at the time of purchase (up to 5,000 DM), not afterwards. There is a second tax relief program that is run by American bases; the nearest base is Schinnen Army Post in The Netherlands. Attend SOS(Surviving Over Seas) and learn more details.

Relocation Services

Relocation Services Overview

This section will give you a basic overview of services and programs which will provide you with information on how to relocate to Geilenkirchen. Information includes how to prepare financially for expenses which you will encounter, shipping your car and household goods, preparing for the shipping and quarantine of your pet, reporting procedures, and arranging for temporary lodging.

With a copy of your orders, your sponsor can establish a post box for you. The Military Postal System provides most of the same services as the United States Postal System, but you may expect your mail to take a bit longer to be delivered because of the extra distance it must travel. Priority packages and letter-class mail arrive in approximately 8 days. Magazines and surface mail may take 30-35 days. Express mail service may be purchased for delivery to CONUS in 3 days. Delivery confirmation is not yet available at Air Force Post Offices. For complete guidance, please see USAFE Pamphlet 33-102.

Relocation Assistance

The Relocation Assistance Program (RAP) provides up to date information and services concerning relocating. The Relocation Assistance Program provides INTRO-A Newcomer's Orientation, Surviving Overseas, Welcome Packets, SITES (Standard Installation Topic Exchange Services), computerized road maps, Smooth Move, Kids on the Move, Village Connection, base brochures and videos, individualized counseling as well as

information and referral. The RAP program also monitors the Sponsorship program.

INTRO a Newcomer's Briefing is held monthly for newly arriving personnel and their family. They are held on selected Tuesdays of each month in the Family Support Center. This mandatory briefing will orient you to the base and the community. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

Surviving Overseas is held on selected Tuesdays of each month. It is held at the Family Support Center. In the morning, the program's focus is on practical information for moving into the Geilenkirchen tri-border community, German customs and courtesies. You are provided with lots of opportunities for discussion at lunch at a local restaurant. Briefing in the afternoon session include discussion on how to sort your trash and set up your utilities.

Exploring Europe: A six part series of cultural orientation day trips. The series of day trips may include riding the train to the nearby town of Aachen (a major tourist attraction), a walking tour of the centrum and market at Sittard in the Netherlands, or a visit to a nearby chocolate factory. Some restrictions apply. More information will be available open your arrival.

The Loan Locker provides items for the PCSing family while they await the arrival of their household goods. Such items include pots and pans, dish packs, car seats, strollers, iron and board, small kitchen appliances. No linens or pillows are available.

The Sponsorship Program Provides information to make newcomers welcome, comfortable and aware of the base and surrounding facilities. Your sponsor will communicate with you by mail, e-mail or phone. Sponsors can arrange temporary living quarters, establish a post office box, assist in finding a house and provide information on special needs. Their goal is to make your life as stress free as possible. Deciding what to ship is usually the hardest part of moving. Your hold baggage should consist of things needed immediately. These are usually clothes, uniforms, towels and bedding. However, 90% of the relocating families do not choose to have their hold baggage delivered until they move into their house. Temporary quarters usually provide for your basic needs. If you do not hear from your sponsor within a reasonable time frame, take the initiative and e-mail or call the sponsor at the duty station.

The Housing Supply Office at Schinnen, The Netherlands provides household furnishings for use on a temporary and permanent basis.

Temporary Furnishings - beds, bookcases, dining chairs, dressers, sofas, easy chairs, desks, coffee tables, and dining tables.

Permanent Furnishings - kitchen cabinet, dryer, washer, dishwasher, range, refrigerator, freezer and wardrobes.

Name: Family Support Center
Address: Unit 3485
City: APO AE 09104
Phone: 02451-63-3791
FAX: 02451-65819
E-Mail: 470ABS.DPF@geilenkirchen.af.mil

In Transit Emergencies

No matter how well you have planned your move, emergencies do happen. At the Brussels Airport is a money exchange office, but some of the incoming flights arrive before the office opens. You may want to have \$20 in euro in case you need to make a telephone call, obtain food, etc.

Be sure to keep at least two phone numbers on you in case of an emergency. Make sure the individual can be reached before and after normal duty hours at the number.

In case of an emergency while in transit to Geilenkirchen contact your sponsor. If your sponsor cannot be reached, contact the unit.

Before you leave, make sure you have all important papers with you, not packed with your household goods. Make sure you have important numbers such as your command duty office and your sponsor. Hand carry your blue book and SITES. Your sponsor can be available in case of an emergency while in transit.

Air Force Aid Society can offer financial assistance when a qualifying individual cannot otherwise pay for specific basic needs essential to continued personal effectiveness as an Air Force member. Contact the PFMP manager for assistance.

Financial Preparedness

Before you move to Geilenkirchen, you should sit down and make a general broad review of your entire financial situation and project your future expenses so that you can prepare for all anticipated

contingencies. If you are married, your spouse needs to be included in this preparation. If you need any help or assistance, your Family Support Center can provide you with budgeting assistance or financial counseling through its Personal Financial Management Program(PFMP).

Financial preparedness is essential prior to your assignment to Geilenkirchen. There are several factors which demand more financial planning for the service families here, than to any other Air Force assignment. Making a PCS move is expensive. There are many hidden costs involved in moving, you need to plan for as many as you can. Some that you need to consider are:

A. Your Home - Remember that in securing rental housing at a new location, you will often be required to pay the first month's rent in advance and put down a deposit equivalent to a month's rent. This initial expenditure can be a considerable amount. You must try to get a house under your combined BAQ + OHA (allowance for quarters plus overseas housing allowance) because the euro/dollar exchange rate can fluctuate and a manageable out of pocket expense can become a burden. If an advance is taken for a security deposit that exceeds \$1,000.00 US dollars, that debt may be suspended until the time in which it is returned to you. Normally the end of your tour. At that time you must pay it back. This alleviates any undue hardship in large repayment amounts.

B. Be aware that most electrical appliances will not work here due to the electrical current (220/50 Hz). Converting your 110 volt US appliances will require an outlay of money for transformers and conversion adaptors and plugs, or you may choose to purchase some new appliances. These items can be purchased used from people leaving GK or new from the PX. Second-hand transformers can cost from \$15 to \$70 and may be easiest found during the summer, the largest personnel turnover period.

NOTE:

The Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) assumes that expenses for most Air Force moves are covered by official sources. However, unique circumstances demand a flexible response to both PCS cost and subsequent local relocation.

AFAS helps to smooth the bumpy road with Move Assistance Program (MAP). MAP is designed to provide assistance to help with those unexpected out of pocket expenses due to a PCS. Recognize that significant cash outlays are required. Actual costs

might well exceed government reimbursement. Under certain circumstances, AFAS may be able to help with temporary lodging when departing from/arriving at a duty station, advance rental, security, utility, telephone and similar deposits required to set-up a new residence, minimum essential household furnishings (i.e. beds, eating table and chairs, cooking utensils)and special local needs such as wardrobes, transformers and light fixtures.

RELOCATION MOVES: AFAS generally does not fund convenience moves and does not assist with setting up newlywed households or moving separating or divorcing couples. However, unique circumstances will arise and we will not hesitate to call HQ AFAS loan office for advice. It's possible you might be working with the PFMP in proposing a local move that will put a member/family in a stable financial situation. By all means, let us know the specifics to see if we can help.

C. Vehicle - Auto insurance will generally be more expensive. The cheapest liability policy cost is approximately \$460 a year. German insurance is based on the horsepower of the engine, not the value of the car according to local insurance companies. Some American made car parts can be ordered through the PXtra at Schinnen but usually take 4-6 weeks for delivery and are often more expensive. Small car parts (windshield wipers, oil filters, etc.) should be shipped with household goods.

D. Utilities - The telephone service will be a major adjustment for most families. You are billed for every outgoing call, even for local calls. The cost of each call is determined by distance, length of call and time of day. Long calls can be expensive. - See Utilities

When you arrive at Geilenkirchen there are many financial adaptations you will have to make when living with the euro/dollar exchange. Please be sure to attend INTRO Newcomers Orientation and Surviving Overseas Orientation given by the Relocation Assistance Program at the Family Support Center to get specific answers to your questions.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

If you desire to have your family members accompany you to Geilenkirchen, you must participate in a screening process to determine if any exceptional medical or educational needs exist. If such needs are identified, the availability of special

medical or educational services must be evaluated prior to approval for the PCS due to limited services in this area.

Name: Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)
City: Geilenkirchen

Household Goods In-Bound Shipments

Contact the Traffic Management Office as soon as possible after your arrival. The Transportation Management office needs a telephone number and address where you can be reached. As soon as you have a delivery address for your household goods, provide the information to the transportation office.

Recommended Items Not to Ship: Based on recent negotiations, we are no longer allowed to ship, transport, or hand-carry privately-owned firearms. Avoid the possibility of German criminal prosecution for unauthorized possession of weapons, **DO NOT SHIP ANY WEAPONS.**

Oversize furniture: Personnel shipping oversized items might encounter problems in the economy housing due to narrow access ways. The typical German houses have smaller rooms than most American houses. The square footage of the houses is similar just arranged differently with room sizes generally being smaller. Huge and/or large furniture items may not fit up the stair wells. Shelves, cabinets, and storage areas are not readily available in most German homes. American and European spec washer, dryers and refrigerators are available through Housing supply.

It is **NOT RECOMMENDED** to ship unaccompanied baggage because housing will not be available for 30-45 days after your arrival. Normally, the temporary living facilities are equipped with your basic necessities.

Name: Traffic and Transportation Management Office
Address: Bldg 87
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 011-49-2451-63-2227
FAX: 011-49-2451-1747 from the US

Household Goods Out-Bound Shipments

Schedule your household goods and hold baggage (unaccompanied) immediately upon receipt of your

orders to confirm your pick-up dates. There are a limited number of packing companies available and therefore during peak moving season it is sometimes difficult to get the date that you want. Refer to losing installation Family Support Center for Smooth Move. Refer to TMO to pick-up "It's Your Move" to assist in preparation of household goods shipment.

Name: Traffic and Transportation Management Office
Address: Bldg 87
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2227
FAX: 02451-1747

Household Goods Claims

On delivery day, protect your assets! Document all damage/loss to your property at time of delivery on the DD Form 1840 (pink form) provided by the carrier. The carrier will take the original of the DD Form 1840 and leave you the remainder. If you discover additional damage after the carrier leaves, this damage must be annotated on the DD Form 1840/R which is the reverse side of the DD Form 1840. Be sure to turn your carbon papers around before writing. The DD Form 1840/R must be filled out in triplicate and turned into the Legal Office within 70 days of your date of delivery. If you are coming from within USAFE this form must be turned in within ten days.

Name: Legal Office
Address: Bldg 88
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2235
FAX: 02451-95-9446
Comments: Comments: 0900-1600 M-F / Attorney Visits: 0900-1100 T, W & TH Notaries/Border Crossing Forms: 0900-1500 M-F

Household Goods Weight Allowances

Your weight allowance is the maximum weight that can be moved at government expense under the Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR). You are responsible for staying within this allowance. If the weight exceeds the amount allowed, you must pay all charges connected with the excess amount.

Household Goods Weight Allowances

Grade	Allowance w/Dependents	Allowance wo/Dependents
E1	5,000	1,500
E2	5,000	1,500
E3	7,000	2,000
E4	8,000	3,500
E5	9,000	7,000
E6	11,000	8,000
E7	12,500	10,500
E8	13,500	11,000
E9	14,500	12,000
W-1		
W-2		
W-3		
W-4		
O-1	12,000	10,000
O-2	13,500	12,500
O-3	14,500	13,000
O-4	17,000	14,000
O-5	17,500	16,000
O-6+	18,000	18,000

POV In-Bound Shipments

POV Shipment:

Effective November 1, 1998, all POV's will be shipped to the vehicle processing center located at Schinnen. Automobile shipments should be done as soon as possible because car rental in the U.S. is generally less expensive than in Germany.

Name: Schinnen Vehicle Processing Center
Address: Nutherweg 60
City: Schinnen 6365 -ER
Phone: 011-31-46-443-2851/2865
DSN Phone: 360-2851

POV Out-Bound Shipments

A service member is entitled to ship one private owned vehicle to or from an overseas location at government expense.

REFER TO IN-BOUND SECTION ABOVE.

POV Claims

POV Claims

On pick-up day, document all damage/loss to your POV on the DD Form 788.

Pet Boarding/Kennels

The following information does not necessarily reflect the official view of or endorsement by the US Government, the Department of Defense or the United States Air Force. The following list of kennels provide care and speak English.

****Please Note:** Some hotels and guesthouses may not allow pets.

Ensure your sponsor is aware of your needs early.

Name: Dierenkliniek Hagenbeck
Address: Heideveldweg 8
City: Heerlen
Phone: (31) 455-225090

Name: Dierenpension Abdissenbosch
Address: Hunnecum 9
City: Nuth
Phone: (31) 0455244989

Name: Dierenpension Abdissenbosch
Address: Vogelzankweg 230
City: Landgraaf
Phone: (31) 455317217

Pet Licensing

LAWGRAM

FIGHTER/DANGEROUS DOGS

Effective immediately, IMPORTATION of the following four breeds: Pitbull-Terrier, American Staffordshire-Terrier, Staffordshire-Bullterrier and Bullterrier is PROHIBITED throughout Germany. Additionally, the following dogs have been classified as being dangerous and importation into the Nordrhein-Westphalia area is also prohibited.

Akbas
Bando
Berger de Beauca (Beauceron)
Berger de Brie (Briard)
Bullmastiff
Carpetin
Chinese Fighter Dog
Doberman
Dogue de Argentino
Dogue de Bordeaux
Estrela-Mountain Dog
Fila Brasileiro
Kangai
Karakatschan
Kaukasian Owtscharka
Komondor
Kraski Ovcar
Kuvasz
Liptak
Maremmian Sheepdog
Mastiff
Mastin De Les Pirines
Mastino Espanol
Mastino Napolitano
Mid-Asian Owtscharka
Mioritic
Neapolitano Mastiff
Polski Owczarek Podhalanski
Raffero Do Alentejo Kars dog
Rottweiler
Sarplaninac
Slovensky Cuvac
South-Russian Owtscharka
Tibetan Mastiff
Tornjak
Tosa Inu

Please note, that this list may be amended at any time.

In addition The Animal Protection Law will prohibit the breeding of dogs displaying increased aggressiveness as a result of breeding. The breeding, reproducing, and trading of these dangerous dogs and their descendants is strictly prohibited. The breeding and trading of dangerous dogs in violation of state

laws and the holding of such dogs without permission or in violation of enforceable prohibitions will be introduced into the German Penal Code as a PUNISHABLE CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

This German federal law complements the existing state laws and ordinances.

DOGS OVER 40 CM AND/OR OVER 40 POUNDS

Effective immediately, owners of any dog over 40 cm in shoulder height or weighing 40 pounds or more, regardless of breed, must register their dog with the local OPO and must be kept on a leash in public/common areas. Effective 1 January 2002, owners are required to obtain a valid license, provide proof of adequate German liability insurance, have a chip implanted under the dog's skin, and pass an aptitude test administered by a person or office certified by the State Veterinarian Chamber.

FEES

The total cost to comply with the Ordinance is not known. The costs for the registration and aptitude test have not been determined by the OPO. The cost for implanting the electronic chip ranges from 20-50 euro. Dog liability insurance ranges from approximately 75 - 120 euro per dog per year, depending on the maximum amount covered per policy.

PLEASE NOTE: Your US renter's insurance will not provide sufficient coverage!!!

FINES

Currently, under German law, violation of any of the above requirements may result in an administrative fine between 2,500 and 5,000 euro.

Article 73 of the Dutch Health and Welfare Act for Animals provides for the prohibition of certain categories of animals to be bred, imported into the Netherlands, offered for sale, or to be sold. Currently only the pit bull terrier has been put in this category of animals. In order for an owner or keeper currently living in The Netherlands to keep this dog, he/she must comply with several restrictions before the dog can be exposed to the public: A muzzle complying with certain specifications must be put on; the keeper/owner must have available an animal passport or similar document with identity mark that shows that the animal belongs to this specific category of animals; the animal must have a tattoo to reflect its

status similar to the identity mark as stated in the documents; and if taken outside, the dog must be kept on a short leash not longer than 1.5 meters. In addition, the dog must be neutered.

US personnel and their dependents keeping such a dog in The Netherlands must comply with the same requirements as Dutch citizens. US personnel to be stationed in The Netherlands in the future are not authorized to bring in a pit bull or if already living in The Netherlands, to purchase one. This legislation has been effective since 1 January 1998.

Pet Quarantines

No quarantine.

Veterinary Services

The following services provide English speaking personnel. The following list of services do not necessarily reflect the official view of or endorsement by the US Government, the Department of Defense or the United States Air Force.

Name: AFNORTH Veterinary Services
City: Brunssum
Phone: (31) 455263121
Comments: American Holidays Closed These hours are subject to change. During clinic hours, animals are seen for vaccinations and minor examinations. An appointment is necessary.

Name: Crombach Dierenkliniek
City: Hoensbroek
Phone: (31) 455215745
Comments: By appointment only. Will respond to emergencies.

City: Nuth
Phone: (31) 455245155
Comments: Hours: Mon - Fri 0900 - 0930, 1300 - 1400, 1800 - 1900 Sat 1030 - 1130

Address: Heinsbergerstrasse 6
City: Geilenkirchen
Phone: 02451-7055
Comments: Hours: Mon - Fri 1000 - 1200 or by appointment

Address: Gamgoisstrasse 8
City: Gangelt
Phone: 02454-2282
Comments: Call for an appointment

Pet Transportation

There is no entitlement for reimbursement of pet transportation. For information or reservations contact TMO. Personnel can make reservation for pet transportation through the military travel agent. Most airlines have a weight dimension limit. The weight of your pet is determined by combined weight: dog plus crate (usually 100 lbs or less). For example, if you have a large dog, your crate may be too large for excess baggage or, the dog and crate may be too heavy. They will also need the breed, sex, and age of pet.

PLEASE NOTE:

Pitbulls are strictly prohibited in The Netherlands. Please be aware that if you fly into Brussels airport and you own a pitbull, it is illegal to drive in The Netherlands with this breed of dog, even if you are just passing through to Germany. When you sponsor somebody, check ahead to determine if they have a pitbull so that alternate arrangements can be made.

If you have any questions about the new law, please don't hesitate to contact the Geilenkirchen Legal Office at DSN 452-2715. At the dial tone, dial 215. The commercial number is 011-49- 2451-5436 from the states.

PCS Reporting Procedures

Be sure to keep your sponsor informed of your arrival date, time and airline. Let them know of any changes that may occur so that you can arrange for them to meet you at the Brussels airport. Talk about guesthouses versus hotels early so that your sponsor can make TLF arrangements for you. There is no 24 hour arrival check point at Geilenkirchen! (See Record Listing)

Name: Inprocessing
Address: Bldg 88
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2204
FAX: 02451-959439
Comments: Hours: Mon - Fri 0900 - 1600 Your sponsor should confirm your attendance to this required briefing.

Separation Procedures

Separations are handled by the Separation and Retirement Section of the Military Personnel Flight, Bldg 88. When paper work is received, call 02451-63-2207 to begin your separation or retirement process. Also, visit the Relocation and Transition Assistance offices at the Family Support Center or call them at 02451-63-3791.

Billeting

Reservations will be made by your sponsor. Mail or fax a copy of orders to your sponsor for temporary housing arrangements.

Billeting is available for officers and enlisted on a space available basis. It is for single military only. There are shared bathrooms, no televisions or telephones. For these reasons we do not recommend these quarters for long periods. Single personnel also have the option of staying off base in hotel or guesthouses.

Hours: Mon-Thurs 0815-1200
1300-1600

Fri 0815-1200
1300-1500

The Billeting and Housing staff are available Monday through Friday to assist Component members with their dorm requirements and temporary lodging needs. Overnight accommodations are available in both the Enlisted and Officer categories seven days a week on a space available basis. Proper documentation to request accommodations must be forwarded to the billeting office by the sponsoring Component member in advance for confirmation/approval.

The NATO housing referral service offers newly arriving Component members an up-to-date list of homes and apartments available for rent in the local area and surrounding communities.

Accompanied personnel will reside in hotel or guesthouse. Sponsor will make arrangements prior to arrival. For a list of available temporary lodging facilities stop by the Base Housing Office or the Geilenkirchen Family Support Center.

Name: E-3A Component Billeting and Housing
Address: Bldg 80
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-4962

Unaccompanied PCS

You will receive a blue base welcome package from the FSC. Your sponsor will provide information about the local community and your new unit and job. Your sponsor will be responsible for assuring that your unique individual and family needs are considered in your relocation process. If you are within 60 days of PCS'ing and have not heard from your sponsor or received base information, please contact your Family Support Center.

Inform your sponsor of your travel arrangements and of any changes that may occur.

Visit the Family Support Center at your base, attend the Smooth Move workshop.

Support Services

Support Services Overview

Geilenkirchen offers a wide range of support services operated by different agencies on base. The record listing under Support Group has an overview of programs offered. For information on special services not listed, please contact the Information and Referral Specialist at the Family Support Center.

Family Centers

The Family Support Center provides an array of products and services to active duty, family members, DOD civilians and on a space available basis to retirees and NATO component members. Specific program areas are explained in this section.

All services offered below are located in the FSC and can be reached by calling 02451-63-3791/92.

Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) provides loans or grants for active duty/retired military members and

their families who experience financial emergencies which exceed their resources. The Air Force Society Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) provides partial tuition assistance to spouses of active duty US Air Force members under the support of the Geilenkirchen Family Support Center. STAP provides up to 50% of unmet tuition costs, or a maximum amount of \$1500 divided by the university's number of terms or semesters per year. The award amount may be less as it is based upon the availability of funds and the number of spouses applying. Funding may be used in conjunction with other financial support with unmet tuition costs defined as total tuition less any other assistance. Aid must be used for on-base programs which award accredited college credit.

Information and Referral links individuals and families to resources based on availability and specific needs.

The Family Readiness Program promotes a comprehensive personal readiness program for the active duty member and his/her family. This program educates active duty members and families about pre-deployment preparations, the emotional cycle of deployments, and reunion issues. It provides programs and services that support families of deployed personnel. It also serves as a liaison with other base agencies and base leadership on behalf of families of deployed personnel.

Personal Financial Management Program provides a financial counselor who helps individuals and couples sort through personal finances to develop budgets and financial plans to enable them to be self sufficient and establish sound financial health. Educational information and workshop cover a wide range of topics to include stocks, bonds, money markets and home purchasing.

The Spouse Employment Program provides up-to-date career information and education for military spouses and family members.

Relocation Assistance Program (RAP) provides information and referral services and programs to incoming and outbound military families through seminars and relocation counseling.

Transition Assistance Program (TAP) assists those leaving the military with a series of seminars, workshops, and individual assistance designed to help with job search and personal and family transition to the civilian world.

Name: Financial Assistance Programs
Address: Family Support Center
City: NATO Geilenkirchen Air Base
Phone: 011-49-2451-63-3791
FAX: 011-49-2451-65819
E-Mail: 470ABS.DPF@geilenkirchen.af.mil

Name: Informational and Referral
Address: Family Support Center
City: NATO Geilenkirchen Air Base
Phone: 011-49-2451-63-3791
FAX: 011-49-2451-65819

Name: Readiness NCO
Address: Family Support Center
City: NATO Geilenkirchen Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-3791
FAX: 02451-65819
E-Mail: 470ABS.DPF@geilenkirchen.af.mil
Comments: A video phone is available. Contact the Readiness NCO for more information or to coordinate a video conference.

Information and Referral

Information and Referral's objective is to link individuals and families with the right source to meet their specific needs. Each family's needs are different and there are many agencies on and off base who can assist with specific needs.

Financial Assistance Programs

Financial guidance is offered to those experiencing money management difficulty or for those who wish to be in control of their finances. The Personal Financial Management Program Manager will work with you to prepare a personalized budget and spending plan designed to make life easier.

Community Bank and Andrew Federal Credit Union located on Schinnen Army Base all have some types of financial assistance programs available.

Emergency Assistance

Air Force Aid can help with emergencies for food, rent, utilities and vehicle repairs.

American Red Cross aids US military members and families with emergency communication and financial assistance.

Name: Air Force Aid Society
Address: Family Support Center Bldg. 78
Phone: 02451-63-3791/92

Family Advocacy

Provides preventive services for child and spouse abuse in the form of stress management classes and intervention and treatment services. (See Record Listing)

Name: Family Advocacy
Address: US Clinic
City: Geilenkirchen, Germany
Phone: 011-49-2451-99-3378

Single Member Services

All services offered on base and local communities are open to single military. The key to being a part of the community is to get involved. Geilenkirchen and surrounding communities are full of things to do - amusement parks, water parks, riding stables and churches. (See Record Listings)

Name: BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soliders)
City: Brunssum
Phone: (31) 46-443-7370
Comments: Meets the first Friday of every month.

Name: Cooking for Singles
Address: Family Support Center Program
Phone: 02451-63-3791
Comments: Learn to cook great new meals while meeting new friends. This cooking class provides a social, supportive, and educational forum for singles while learning culinary and dietary information. Lunch is free. Call the Family Support Center for specific dates and times.

Name: GK Singles Society
Address: Bldg 3 - Chapel
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2229
Comments: Meetings often center around recreational activities and encourage involvement in the local community. Meeting times vary from month to month.

Support Groups

Refer to the Family Support Center Information & Referral Program services.

Name: Chapel
Address: Bldg 3
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2229
FAX: 02451-64274

Name: Exceptional Family Member and Family Advocacy
Address: US Clinic
City: Geilenkirchen, Germany
Phone: 011-49-2451-99-3378

Name: Military Equal Opportunity & Treatment Office
Address: Bldg 104
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2219

Comments:

Military Equal Opportunity Office - USAF (United States Air Force) is by far the pace-setter in equal opportunity; taking great strides to ensure each member is treated with the respect, dignity, and self-worth they deserve. Discrimination or sexual harassment in any form can not and will not be tolerated. However, one must also realize that along with the large number of countries represented at Geilenkirchen NAB, comes a great amount of cultural differences. For individuals who may have never been exposed to European cultures, these differences can make one's adjustment somewhat difficult. Although you are guaranteed the right to work in an environment free from discrimination and sexual harassment, you should understand differences do exist and therefore a certain amount of understanding is needed.

To help make the adjustment easier, each military member and civilian employee attends a Social Actions Overseas Newcomer's Orientation within 30 days of their arrival and as part of their inprocessing. Although not mandatory, family members are encouraged to attend. This class familiarizes each member with some of the unique cultural aspects of Europe and offers some helpful tips on how to handle behaviors which are harmful to human relations and may be perceived or actual discrimination.

Name: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)
Address: Bldg 3 (Chapel)
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2229
Comments: Groups are held on the third Friday of each month from 0830 - 1100. This a program designed for mothers with children from birth through kindergarten.

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

The Morale, Welfare and Activity department offers a wide variety of activities. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of the fun and adventure by participating. The MWA offers the following organizations: International Wind Surfing, Soccer, Ski, Golf, Rod and Gun and Scuba Diving. (See Record Listing)

Name: Arts and Crafts
City: AFNORTH
Phone: (31) 455262454
Comments: The AFNORTH Arts and Crafts Centre has three shops under one roof. These shops are: Ceramic shop, Wood Shop, Frame Shop. Special group classes and facility appointments are also offered on paint on glass, finger painting, paint wooden shoes and terracotta.

Name: International Dining Hall (IDH)
Address: Bldg 70
City: NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen
Phone: 011-49-2451-Bldg 70
Comments: Open to all Component personnel. Family members may join their sponsor for breakfast only. The International Dining Hall (IDH/Star Chef) provides outstanding nutritional meals to all NATO E-3A Component members. The IDH is an international military dining facility and operates under NATO directives. The staff prepares and serves a variety of quality meals which are highly acceptable to all NATO nationalities. The IDH also takes great pride in providing the E-3A Component air crew members with top quality flight meal support. Our chefs and staff are always ready to serve you.

Name: International Library
Address: Bldg 96
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 011-49-2451-63-4956/5956
Comments: The International Library offers a large variety of books, periodicals, audio and video materials. The regular book collection contains over 10,000 books and is broken into 10 language categories: Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Norwegian, Portuguese, and Turkish. In addition to the regular collection, there is a paperback book exchange, the McNaughton Book Collection, assorted university text, and a large juvenile section with over 2500 children s books. The audio resources include over 1800 cassettes and CDs in all your favorite kinds of music as well as language courses. The video resources offer educational videos, geography, sports, history, as well as family, children, and classic movies. DVDs rotated every 2 months. Additional Library services include an Inter-Library Loan Service which allows access to books at through both the German public and university libraries as well as US Air Force and Army libraries. Computer and copier resources are also available for use by library patrons.

Name: International Youth Association (IYA)
Address: Bldg 95
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 011-49-2451-63-4954/4955
<p>Comments: Office Hours : 0800 - 1300</p> <p>Open to all families of the Component with children between the ages of five and eighteen. The IYA also offers family programmes to include adult activities.</p> <p>The IYA is an exciting programme which offers outstanding activities for school age children. The Afternoon programme centers around crafts, sports, and assistance with homework. The IYA facility provides the youth an opportunity to relax and enjoy leisure activities side by side with the youth of other nations. The supervised programmes specialize in mental, social, and physical development.</p> <p>School Break programmes are offered Spring, Summer and Fall and provide opportunities for travel, movies, picnics, crafts, games and more.</p> <p>Instructional classes are also available in a wide range of activities from dance and music to gymnastics and quilting. The Sports programmes are offered seasonally and include, soccer, basketball, diamond sports; instructional classes for youths; ballet, tap & jazz, aekwondo/hapkido, swimming for beginners and advanced beginners.</p> <p>Instructional classes for adults: taekwondo/hapkido, callanetics, quilting; Afternoon club for ages 5 and up: Mon-Fri 1400-1730; break programmes for ages 5 and up, including field trips: Mon-Fri 0800-1730;</p> <p>The IYA cannot operate without the help of volunteers so if you are interested in working with children in any of the programmes, please drop by.</p>

Name: Morale Welfare and Activity (MWA)
Address: Bldg 80
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 011-49-2451-63-4940
<p>Comments: Hours: Mon - Fri 0800-1630 MWA is a NATO organization similar to MWR on USAF installations.</p>

Name: NCO Club - Frisbee Club
Address: Bldg 60
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 011-49-2451-63-4994/ 4992
<p>Comments: Hours: Mon-Thurs 0900-2300 Fri 0900-2400 Sat 1730-2300 Sun Brunch/Lunch 1000-1400 Membership Club Membership dues are payable annually.</p> <p>(alternates between Officers / Frisbee Club with members from both Clubs eligible to attend)</p> <p>The Frisbee Club Membership is open to all NCOs of the rank OR-4 or higher and their civilian equivalents.</p> <p>The Frisbee Club offers its members and guests a relaxed atmosphere in the newly renovated bar as well as weekday breakfast, lunch and dinner. Breakfast is served Mon-Fri 0900-1100 and lunch Mon-Fri 1130-1330 in the main dining area. Dinner is available Mon-Fri 1700-2100 in the Frisbee Grill.</p> <p>The Frisbee Grill is a special restaurant featuring evening meals with an extensive menu. The Frisbee Grill can also cater special meals for all your party needs.</p> <p>What is Kegeln? The Frisbee Club has a traditional German bowling (Kegeln) area where you can either join the league or book a party. Kegelbahns open for all Component members.</p> <p>Special Functions are no problem for the Frisbee Club. The Club Manager can assist you with parties, meetings, and dinners to accommodate up to 300 persons.</p>

Name: Officer's Club
Address: Bldg 50
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 011-49-2451-63-4990/4991
Comments: Hours: Mon-Fri 1100-2300 Membership Club Sat Closed Sun 1100-1400 Restaurant: Mon-Fri 1130-1330 Sun 1100-1400 Sunday Brunch (alternates between Frisbee and Officers Club) Open to all members and their families The Officers Club Main Bar offers snacks at dinner and the restaurant is open for lunch with daily specials offering a relaxed, semi-casual environment for all members. The Casual Bar is a self-service facility for all members and can be used at any time during the weekends by checking out the key. Patio and playground for kids also available. The Geilenkirchen Room is equipped with a large screen TV, satellite dish and video recorder. For all those special functions, the Officers Club has 3 party rooms of varying sizes available for buffets, parties, dinners and special events. Food can be planned with a party planner booklet available from the manager. A conference room is also available to host meetings of up to 24 people and can be outfitted with a slide projector, screen, overhead projector and flip chart. Reservations are required! Payments are accepted in euro, US Dollars, Eurocard, and Visa. Monthly dues are due on the first day of the month and are based on a sliding rank scale. Happy Hour: includes free snacks for members, 1700-1800 Tuesday and 1600-1800 Friday.

Name: Sentry Club
Address: Bldg 72
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 011-49-2451-63-4997
Comments: Hours: Mon-Fri 0730-2030 Sat/Sun 1100-1900 Sentry Sports Bar: Fri 1700-2300 Gift Shop: Mon Fri 0900-1700 Open to all Component personnel and their families The Sentry Club is a casual fast food operation with dining-in and carry-out service. The restaurant operation provides a wide variety of fast food items and specializes in pizza. Breakfast is served from 0730-1100 Monday - Friday. A Bar is available to provide a wide variety of drinks from soft drinks to your favorite mixed drink. In addition to a traditional German beer, dutch, Corona and Mexican beers are offered. The Sentry Club souvenir and gift section specializes in Component logo items to include beer mugs, pins, badges, laser prints and casual wear. Special seasonal items are also available. The Sentry cashier s cage provides customers with currency exchange, cigarette and newspaper sales. Special Party services are a key component to the Sentry Club s popularity. The club offers off-sales support for events requiring beer, soft drinks, wine and sekt. Beer is available in two barrel sizes and special beer wagons, glasses, tables and benches can be ordered. The Sentry Sports Bar, open on Friday nights features full bar service, a large screen TV/VCR for viewing sports programs and tapes, and dart boards, and fussball tables for customer enjoyment. Happy Hour prices are available from 1700 1900hrs. Also offered Bar Snacks. The Sports Bar is also available during the week for private parties and casual meetings of up to 35 people. Reservations should be made through the manager s office.

Name: Sports and Fitness Center
Address: Bldg 161
City: NATO Aair Base
Phone: 011-49-2451-63-4946
Comments:
<p>The E-3A Component Sports and Fitness section offers all Component members and their adult dependents the opportunity to utilize state of the art fitness equipment and sauna facilities. The New Gym offers circuit weights, free weights, cardio equipment, squash courts and a court area for basketball, volleyball, etc. Our Fitness professionals can assist you with instruction on equipment as well as special classes on back exercises and aerobics.</p> <p>Bldg 206 (New Gym) Ext 4946 Ext 4921 Mon Fri 0600 - 2200 Sat 1000 - 1400 Sun (Closed)</p> <p>The Sports programme offers Component members the chance to play and compete in a variety of programmes to include basketball, badminton, volleyball, softball, and soccer. The track and field area offers a chance for members to workout on their own or to work on the German Sports Award with use of the special surface running track, shot put, and high jump areas.</p> <p>The Sauna offers the Component members a chance to relax and steam their cares away with use of the sauna, whirlpool, solarium, or relaxation room. Bldg 214 (Sauna) Ext 4947 1 Sept 31 May 1 Jun 31 Aug Mon Fri (Mixed) 1100 - 1330 Mon / Wed/ Fri (Mixed) 1100 - 1330 Tue (Men) 1530 - 2030 Thu 1500 - 2000 Wed (Women) 1530 - 2030 (Changing mixed and women every week) Thu (Mixed) 1530 - 2030</p> <p>Our staff of professionals is waiting to assist you with any reservations or instructional needs.</p>

Name: Swimming Pool
Address: Bldg 101
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 011-49-2451-63-4948
Comments:
Hours: 1 June - 31 August 1100 - 1900

Name: Thrift Shop
Address: Bldg 65 South
City: NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen
Phone: 011-49-2451-63-Ext 4919
Comments:
Hours: Tues and Thurs 1000 1400
<p>The Component thrift shop offers a variety of used articles for all those treasure hunters on base. Used clothing, shoes, furniture, travel books, leisure books, cookware, appliances, and jewelry are just a few of the items they offer and all are at bargain prices.</p> <p>For those members who discover they have just too many things to fit into that new home, the thrift shop also takes donations and consignments. Stop by today to find that special little item you ve been looking for.</p>

Name: Value Added Tax Office
Address: Bldg 80
City: NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen
Phone: 011-49-2451-63-Ext 4916
Comments:
<p>The VAT office is available to assist non-German E-3A Component members with tax free purchases on the local economy. The VAT fees are set up on a sliding scale based upon the purchase price of the item you have selected. You can also obtain tax-free goods in other countries, stop by and see the tax office personnel for details.</p> <p>IMPORTANT NOTE: You must follow prescribed VAT office purchasing procedures to take advantage of the tax-free status.</p>

Chapel Services and Programs

The Chapel is located in bldg 3 and 4 on base and can be reached by calling 02451-63-2229. The Chapel provides an atmosphere of warmth and reverence. The Chaplain provides strict confidentiality. Services offered at the Chapel: Catholic Mass, Protestant Service, and Religious, Marital and Pre-marital Counseling. For specific dates and time, please contact the Chapel.

Drug and Alcohol

All personnel are expected to refrain from substance abuse and maintain Air Force standard of behavior, performance and discipline consistent with the UCMJ, public law and Air Force Regulations. (See Record Listing)

The Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) provides substance abuse education and treatment services to all eligible personnel in the tri-border area. Certified alcohol counselors are available to answer questions and to provide assistance to anyone with concerns about alcohol or drug use and abuse.

Name: Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP)
Address: Treebek Community Center
City: Treebek
Phone: (31) 45 563 6091

Legal Assistance

The Legal Office provides mission-related legal assistance for active duty, retirees, family members, and civilian employees stationed overseas and their family members entitled to a US Forces identification card. Mission-related legal assistance includes: wills, living wills, powers of attorney, and notary services. Additional services provided include: border crossing forms, household goods and POV claims, and the Volunteer Tax Assistance Program. Legal Assistance with the attorney and German Liaison is by appointment only. Call 2235 for an appointment.

Name: Legal Office
Address: Bldg 88, Unit 3485
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2235
DSN FAX: 02451-95-9446
Comments: Comments: 0900-1600 M-F / Attorney Visits: 0900-1100 T, W & TH Notaries/Border Crossing Forms: 0900-1500 M-F

Child And Teen Services

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Child care programs offered: Full-Day, Before/After School Care, and Hourly Care. There is no part day pre-school and special need programs offered at

Geilenkirchen. Types of care available: Pre-Toddler, Toddler, Pre-School and School Age. There is no infant care available at Geilenkirchen. However, the AFNORTH Child Development Center, which is located approximately 10-15 minutes away, offers infant care.

Rates are based on Gross Family Income:

\$0 - 23,000	\$ 45.00
\$23,001 - 34,000	\$ 53.00
\$34,001 - 44,000	\$ 65.00
\$44,001 - 55,000	\$ 78.00
\$55,001 - 70,000	\$ 90.00
\$70,001 - Up	\$102.00

The weekly fee is computed using two weeks time for vacations. Hourly care for all patrons is \$2.25 per hour per child. This is a minimum one hour charge and can be charged in one-half hour increments after the first hour.

Placement on the Waiting List:

1. Single Active Duty or DoD Civilian Parents
2. Dual Active Duty or DoD Civilian Parents
3. Active Duty Military or DoD Civilian with Employed Spouse
4. Active Duty Military or DoD Civilian with Non-Employed Spouse

New Parent Program

New parent education and support are offered through the Family Support Center, Clinic and American Red Cross. Individual consultation is also available. Refer to the FSC, Information & Referral for more information.

Child Care Programs - on Installation

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The Child Development Center (CDC) provides care for children 12 months to 12 years with a maximum capacity of 67 spaces. It is open to all nationalities on base and is an English speaking program. Authorized Family Child Care Homes are not available at Geilenkirchen, since no on base housing is available.

There is a Before/After School Program for school aged children. This program runs full-days during school vacation and summer breaks.

Documents Required for Registration:

- AF Form 1181 (Child Development Registration Form)
- Current Immunization Records
- DD Form 2652 with current LES for income verification (for full time children)
- Parent Contract
- AF Form 357 for Single or Dual U.S. Military Parents

Name: Child Development Center
Address: Bldg 82
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2216

Name: International Youth Services
Address: Bldg 95
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-4955

Child Care Programs - Community

Child care off base is normally through private contact. Some family members offer child care services in their home. These are not licensed facilities.

Things To Do - Clubs and Social

Youth Activities normally found in US Youth Centers are through the International Youth Service at Geilenkirchen and the International Youth Services at AFCENT. For information concerning the Girls and Boys Scout contact the Family Support Center for details.

For a list of activities see Things to Do - Recreation and Sports.

Things To Do - Recreation and Sports

International Youth Activities - Geilenkirchen Offers dances, games, tours, school break activities, summer camps and sports clinics. Sponsors classes in aerobic dances, ballet and tap, martial arts and arts and crafts. Sport sponsored activities include soccer, basketball, football, swimming, softball and baseball.

International Youth Services - AFNORTH, the Netherlands Offers dances, games, tours, school break activities and summer camps. Sponsor classes in martial arts, arts and craft, ballet and tap. Sport sponsored activities include soccer, basketball, bowling, football and baseball.

Schools

This subject has been thoroughly discussed under the Education category.

Geilenkirchen Elementary is a part of Department of Defense Dependents School and is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Geilenkirchen Elementary school has an enrollment of 208 students. Elementary school curriculum: language arts, math, science, social studies, foreign languages, fine arts, health and PE.

AFNORTH Elementary School serves children of active duty from AFNORTH and Schinnen.

AFNORTH High School has an enrollment of 417 students. High school curriculum: English, social studies, math, science, foreign languages, art, chorus, computers, home economics, band

School sponsored sport activities - Sports offered in the fall: football, volleyball, tennis, cross country, football cheerleading, swimming Sports offered in the winter: basketball, basketball cheerleading, wrestling, swimming Sports offered in the spring: soccer, track and field, softball, baseball

School sponsored Extra-curricular Activities generally include AVID, Study Group, Art Club, Band, Chorus, Computer Club, Creative Writing Club, Drama, Electronics, Environment Club, Harvard Model Congress Europe, Junior Science, and Humanities Symposium, Math Counts, Model NATO, Model International Parliament, Model United Nations, National Geograpy Bee, National Honor Society, Newspaper, Odessy of the Mind, German/Spanish/French Clubs, Student Government, and Yearbook

School Age Care

Refer to the IYA and Child Development Center.

Religious Programs

(See Record Listing for programs)

Name: Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)
Address: Bldg 3, Chapel
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2229

Name: Heinsberg Baptist Church
Address: Sittarderstr.26 A Hwy 228
City: Heinsberg
Phone: 02452-101588
E-Mail: hbc@christianmail.net
WWW Link: http://www.heinsbergbaptist.org
Comments: Sunday School-10:00 AM Morning Service 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Service 6:00 AM Wednesday Evening Service-7:00 PM Church Wide Visitation: Thursday Evening 6:45 PM

Name: Protestant Youth of the Chapel (PYOC)
Address: Bldg 3, Chapel
City: NATO Air Base
Phone: 02451-63-2229
Comments: Meetings are held weekly at the chapel.

Special Events

See Events under Installation.

Sponsorship and Support

The Relocation Assistance Program at Geilenkirchen offers a sponsorship program for children between 7 - 12 years old. Send your child's name, address and age to the RAP at 470th ABS/FSC, Unit 3485, APO AE 09104. A child will be selected to provide information and to answer questions.

Youth Employment

Youth Employment opportunities are similar to adult opportunities (see employment). However, in addition to AAFES, NATEX, GS, and NAF jobs, G.K. and Schinnen have a very popular Summer Hire Program sponsored by civilian personnel. This program gives young adults 14 yrs and older the opportunity to work in a variety of locations both at G.K. and Schinnen. An effort is made to place all who are interested and students can experience many difference work environments. See your FSC Career Focus Program manager for more details.

Youth Centers

The International Youth Activity on Geilenkirchen and AFNORTH center offers an after school program for youth between the ages of 6-12. A variety of programs is designed to meet their mental, social and physical needs. Recreational programs offered vary with the season, but typically include soccer,

basketball, bowling, football, swimming, softball and baseball. Social activities include dances, international days, games, tours, school break activities, summer camp, tours and sports clinics. Offers instructional classes in aerobic dance, ballet and tap, ball room dance, martial arts and arts and crafts for all age groups.

For Teens Only

Living in Germany can be a fun and exciting adventure. There are many places to visit and see. There's always a park to visit, a concert to attend or a new restaurant to try.

AFNORTH IYS Teen Center (ages 13-19) is a brand new facility about a five minute walk from AFNORTH school. The facility is open Monday - Thursday from 1545 - 1900, Friday 1600 - 2230 and Saturday 1200 - 2200. They offer Nintendo, pool, basketball, foosball, watch satellite TV and dances. For more information call them at 011-31-455-263004.

Survival Tips For First Termers

Survival Tips for First Termers Overview

Being in the Air Force presents many challenges for families. It is not always easy to balance military duties, personal and financial obligations, while attending to the needs and wants of immediate and extended family. This requires a great deal of planning. Below are survival tips to help you and your family as you plan the challenge of the military lifestyle.

Before You Move

It is very important that you contact your nearest losing Family Support Center and register to attend their Smooth Move Briefing. This program will provide information to help you make your transition a lot smoother.

NOTE: If you get married before you PCS, you MUST inform your losing unit commander and follow the procedures exactly as you are given them. The military WILL NOT PAY for travel and housing of your spouse if you do not follow proper procedures. Start saving now. Any PSC move is going to cost money.

Request a sponsor and maintain regular contact with them. They will be able to answer questions about the base and the area to where you'll be moving. Your sponsor will send you specific information on your duty, location and community. If you have not

received a sponsor, please have the relocation center at your current base contact the Geilenkirchen FSC. This situation may arise more often if you are presently in your technical training school. Because of the short notice, we may not have time to get your base welcome package to your duty station and a home address would greatly expedite the situation.

An added benefit of a USAFE assignment is the ability to travel in Europe and see sights that many people spend a lifetime just dreaming about. Your MPF will ensure that members and their families have the appropriate documents to enter the country where they will be assigned. If you wish to travel while assigned in Europe it is recommended (not mandatory) that you and your family acquire tourist passports (at your expense) before coming to Europe. Your tourist passport will ensure you can travel freely to all European countries. A no-fee passport will not allow entry into some European countries.

Contact the Relocation Assistance Program at the losing base. They will be able to provide you with valuable information about the gaining base. They will have base brochures and SITES for your review. Also, contact the gaining base for more specific information about the base and local area.

Fax a copy of your orders to your sponsor so that they may obtain a PO box for you. Leave your new address with your post office and old unit.

Send out change of address cards.

Gather all important papers and keep them close by during the move.

Go through your household goods and get rid of all the things you no longer want or need. Remember, if you are over your weight allowance, you'll have to pay the additional shipping.

Notify your sponsor ahead of time of your arrival date and time. They can obtain temporary living arrangements for you. Tell them if you will be traveling alone or with family and/or pets.

After You Arrive

After your arrival at Brussels Airport in Brussels, Belgium your sponsor will take you to your temporary living quarters.

Go to your inprocessing appointment.

Visit the Relocation Assistance Counselor at the Family Support Center for community information and assistance.

Attend Newcomer's Briefing and Surviving Overseas Orientation to become familiar with programs and services offered at the base.

Visit the loan locker if you need temporary household goods.

Contact the housing office for off base housing.

Notify transportation of your arrival and check on household good status.

Call family.

Reporting Procedures

You will fly into Brussels Airport. Your sponsor will meet you in the area immediately after clearing customs, as long as you have made arrangements with him or her. In the event, no one is there, you should have with you the telephone numbers of your sponsor and your gaining unit. Call for assistance.

You will report to Customer Service, Bldg 88, for inprocessing. An inprocessing checklist will be provided.

Travel Planning

Learn as much as you can about your new assignment.

Once you get orders, arrange travel through Transportation Management Office.

Arrange household goods shipment with TMO.

Contact your sponsor about temporary housing arrangements.

Send change of address cards.

Vehicle Ownership

Military members are allowed to ship one POV at government's expense. Accompanied members are allowed to register two POVs. POV must be registered with the POV office. Cost for registration is \$15.00 or \$20.00 per vehicle. MUST BE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

You will be able to buy tax-free gas coupons. They are sold at the NATEX Auto Shop on base and the

second floor of the Schinnen Main Exchange. They are good at Esso Service Stations in Germany and the Netherlands. (On some German autobahns, there are no Esso Service Stations. In that case they may be redeemed at the BP Stations.) You're limited in the amount you can purchase each month. You can also purchase gas on base at the NATEX gas station or at AAFES on Schinnen that counts against your ration amount.

Housing and Billeting

Your sponsor will secure temporary lodging arrangements prior to your arrival.

Your sponsor will assist you in securing a house.

Money Matters

So, if you are reading this section, you must be getting ready to come to our area. There are a few things that you can do to lessen the shock and aid in the transition.

One of the reasons many people feel swamped in money matters is that they fail to plan for what may happen. How many hours have you spent scribbling amounts for rent, utilities, debts, and food on a napkin, the back of an envelope, or the first page of a neatly ruled ledger? Most of us try at some point to "nail down our expenses." Writing figures on scraps of paper demonstrates the fragmentation of thinking that accompanies financial dysfunction. Keeping our minds crammed full of due dates, payment schedules,

minimum payments, and budget allowances doesn't give us the clarity we need for true change.

The bottom line for money behavior is clarity:

- * Knowing what your income is.
- * Knowing where your money goes.
- * Knowing the balance in your checkbook.
- * Knowing if your checkbook balance agrees with your bank statement.
- * Knowing how much you owe and what it's costing you in interest.

In other words, write down your total income after expenses. Try to set aside some money for unexpected occurrences and keep a record of where you are spending your money.

Other areas of your move need to be arranged, your household goods, your car, and financial move also needs to be adjusted. Where financial matters are concerned, "People don't plan to fail, they just fail to plan."

ALL FIRST TERMERS are required to have a PFMP brief. Call the PFMP manager at the FSC to schedule your briefing within five working days of your arrival.

At A Glance

Facility/Services Summary

<i>--Officer and Enlisted Population--</i>			
Active Duty Officer	221	Active Duty Warrant Officer	0
Guard Reserve Officer	0	Guard Reserve Warrant Officer	0
Retired (Officer and Enlisted)	0	Foreign Service Officers	400
Active Duty Enlisted	675	Guard Reserve Enlisted	0
Foreign Service Enlisted	1000		
<i>--Civilians--</i>			
Civil Service	25	Wage Grade	0
Non-Appropriated Funds	0	Family Members -on and off Installation-	2272
<i>--Family Services--</i>			
Family Centers	1	Teen Centers	1
Child Day Care	1	Family Child Care Certified Homes	0
Total Child Capacity	43	Total Child Capacity	0
Average Waiting List Time -Months-	6		
<i>--Other Services--</i>			
Commissary	1	Exchanges	1
Shoppettes	1	Gas Stations	1
Movie Theaters	1	Banks and Credit Unions	2
McDonalds/Burger King	1	Other i.e. Exchange concessionaires	1

Housing Summary

<i>--Officer Housing--</i>			
Senior Officer Waiting	0	Senior Officer 3 Bed Room	0
Senior Officer 4 Bed Room	0	Senior Officer Other	0
Company Grade Officer Waiting	0	Company Grade Officer 2 Bed Room	0
Company Grade Officer 3 Bed Room	0	Company Grade Officer 4 Bed Room	0
Company Grade Officer Other	0	BOQ	0
<i>--Enlisted Housing--</i>			
Senior Enlisted Waiting	0	Senior Enlisted 3 Bed Room	0
Senior Enlisted 4 Bed Room	0	Senior Enlisted Other	0
Enlisted Waiting	0	Enlisted 2 Bed Room	0
Enlisted 3 Bed Room	0	Enlisted Other	0
BEQ	0	Transient Lodging Facilities	0

Education Summary

<i>Name</i>	<i>Numbers</i>
Elementary School	1
Jr High/Middle School	1
High School	1

Medical and Dental Summary

--Medical Facilities--					
Medical Treatment Facilities	N	Number of Beds	0	Medical Clinic	1
Alcohol	Y	Allergy	Y	Audiology	N
Cardiology	N	Coronary care	N	Dermatology	N
Dietary	Y	Emergency room	N	Endocrinology	N
Family Practice	Y	General surgery	N	Gynecology	Y
HIV Unit	N	Hematology	N	Immunization	Y
Infect Disease	N	Intensive Care	N	Laboratory	Y
Mental Health	Y	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	N	Nuclear Medicine	N
Nephrology	N	Neurology	N	Neurosurgery	N
Obstetrics	N	Oncology	N	Ophthalmology	N
Optometry	N	Orthopedics	N	Otolaryngology	N
Pathology	N	Pediatrics	N	Physical Therapy	N
Podiatry	N	Primary Care	Y	Radiology	Y
Rheumatology	N	Urology	N		
--Dental Facilities--					
Dental Clinics	1	Adolescent	N	Endodontics	Y
General Dentistry	Y	Oral Surgery	Y	Orthodontics	N
Pedodontist	Y	Periodontics	Y		

Relocation and Support Services Summary

--Military Clubs--			
Officers Club	1	Non-Commissioned Officers Club	1
Enlisted Club	1		
--Recreation--			
Arts and Crafts	1	Automobile Hobby Centers	1
Bowling Centers	1	Recreational Centers	1
Libraries	1	Music and Theater Locations	1
--Physical Fitness/Sports--			
9 Hole Golf Courses	0	18 Hole Golf Courses	0
Gyms/Physical Fitness Centers	1	Jogging Paths	1
Tennis Clubs/Courts	1	Tennis Courts - Lighted	0
Swimming Pools - Public	1		
--Nature/Outdoor Activities--			
Outdoor Recreation Centers	1	Campgrounds	1
Fishing Areas	1	Horse Stables	0

APPENDIX

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